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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 UNITED STATES INITIATIVE IN THE PREVENTION OF GLOBAL WARMING

30 WHEREAS: Global warming is the heating of the earth's land-surface temperature due to the trapping
40 of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere; and,

50 WHEREAS: Measured atmospheric levels of greenhouse gasses such as carbon dioxide,
60 chlorofluorocarbons, methane, and nitrous oxide have risen substantially in recent decades;
70 and,

80 WHEREAS: Ten of the warmest years of the 113-year recorded history of land-surface temperature
90 measurements have occurred since 1980; and,

100 WHEREAS: The increases in greenhouse gases are due to human activity such as the burning of fossil
110 fuels, agriculture, use of CFC's, and deforestation; and,

120 WHEREAS: The effects of global warming will bring expanded ranges of tropical diseases and other
130 devastating health problems, perilous sea level rise, more intense tropical storms,
140 extinction of countless plant and animal species, and failure of crops in the world's most
150 vulnerable regions; and,

160 WHEREAS: The effects of global warming will not discriminate against race, nationality, region, or
170 species and, therefore, are problems that will effect every member of the international
180 community; and,

190 WHEREAS: The continued emission of greenhouse gases at current rates will cause global warming
200 and subsequent climate change, the effects of which may be catastrophic and irreversible;
210 and,

220 WHEREAS: The United States is a primary leader in the international community whose influences
230 are felt worldwide; and,

240 WHEREAS: The United States is a primary producer of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses;
250 and,

260 WHEREAS: An initiative on behalf of the United States on preventing the effects of global warming
270 by reduced greenhouse emissions and ending deforestation could lead to the
280 implementing of similar policies in foreign countries; and,

290 WHEREAS: An international agreement exists to decrease the emissions of greenhouse gasses and the
300 United States has chosen not to participate in this agreement.

310 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urge the Government of the
320 United States of America take initiative in preventing global warming by improving auto
330 efficiency by raising mileage-per-gallon (CAFÉ) standards for new imported and
340 domestic cars and light trucks, accelerating the rate of energy efficiency gains industry,
350 residential and commercial buildings through combinations of policy measures, including
360 improving efficiency for lighting standards and appliances; implementing effective
370 market incentives; promoting government investment in research and development
380 programs; and ending fossil fuel subsidies; and,

390 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, included in this initiative, the United States would accelerate
400 research and development of solar and renewable energy technologies and
410 implement programs to end deforestation, both domestic and foreign efforts, and

420 encourage and support afforestation.

430 MANDATES: President George W. Bush
440 Vice President Richard Cheney
450 EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman
460 Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott
470 Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle
480 House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert
490 House Majority Leader Dick Armey
500 House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt

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