

**R010-0102**

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
20 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

30 WHEREAS: The Pledge of Allegiance has been a well respected, unifying  
40 document within our country as well as a long-standing tradition  
50 within our school systems since its very creation; and,

60 WHEREAS: Currently, school-aged children may not be learning and  
70 understanding the Pledge of Allegiance; and,

80 WHEREAS: Especially within this time of tragedy and confusion, considering  
90 the recent attacks on our nation, this tradition needs to be upheld; and,

100 WHEREAS: It is not only beneficial, but also important to these young  
110 impressionable people we label as our future to understand and  
120 respect the meaning and origin of as well as the pledge itself; and,

130 WHEREAS: Most recently the Pledge has been an integral part of our country's  
140 healing process; and,

150 WHEREAS: Rather than have meaningless words be recited out of mere habit, it  
160 is important that the public, beginning with our children,  
170 understand and appreciate what it is they are pledging.

180 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature  
190 strongly encourages the Maryland state government to require  
200 curriculum concerning the origin and meaning of the Pledge of  
210 Allegiance within its school systems.

220 MANDATES: Governor Parris Glendening  
230 Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend  
240 Department of Education  
250 President of the Senate Thomas V. Miller  
260 Speaker of the House of Delegates Casper R. Taylor

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