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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE PASSAGE OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

30 WHEREAS: The Equal Rights Amendment affirms that both women and men hold equally
40 all of the rights guaranteed by the U. S. Constitution and it provides a remedy
50 for sex discrimination for both women and men; and,

60 WHEREAS: The Supreme Court has raised the standard of protection against sex
70 discrimination under the 14th Amendment, but sex discrimination claims still do
80 not get the highest level of judicial scrutiny ("strict scrutiny") that race
90 discrimination claims get; and,

100 WHEREAS: At present, 19 states have state ERAs or equal rights guarantees in their
110 constitutions; and,

120 WHEREAS: Several justices on the Supreme Court including Chief Justice Rehnquist believe
130 that gender does not entitle anyone to heightened protection under the 14th
140 amendment; and,

150 WHEREAS: The doors to certain jobs are still entirely closed to women by laws in Arkansas,
160 Missouri, Ohio, and by the Federal Code; and,

170 WHEREAS: According to a U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics Survey taken in 1994 in that
180 year women only made seventy-four cents to every dollar a man makes; and,

190 WHEREAS: State insurance regulators approve the use of selective classifications
200 by sex for premiums and payouts in five types of insurance: automobile,
210 disability income, medical expense, life and retirement income insurance.

220 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges Congress to
230 pass the Equal Rights Amendment; and,

240 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges states to
250 take serious consideration in ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

260 MANDATES: President George W. Bush
270 Vice-president Dick Cheney
280 Speaker J. Dennis Hastert
290 House Majority Leader Richard Arney
300 House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt
310 Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott
320 Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle

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