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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE RECOGNITION OF PALESTINE

30 WHEREAS: In March 2002 Israel invaded Ramallah, and made other Palestinian centers;
40 and,

50 WHEREAS: G. Jefferson Price III, of the Baltimore Sun described this as “one of the most
60 powerful armed forces in the world invading a comparatively unarmed
70 population, rounding up men between the ages of 15 and 45 into Public squares,
80 and, in a momentary excess reminiscent of what the Nazis did to the Jews,
90 marking numbers on the Palestinians,”; and,

100 WHEREAS: Avraham Burg, the dovish speaker of Israel’s Parliament is quoted in the Israeli
110 paper Ma’ariv as saying that Israel “must wipe out the Palestinian Authority so
120 that it does not become a Palestinian state; she must exile and humiliate Arafat
130 so that he doesn’t become a partner. ... Whoever wants the settlements and still
140 wants democracy with a clear Jewish majority, must take a step further to the
150 one sole and total solution to expel them (the Palestinians) from here. First by
160 force and when they get the hint it will happen voluntarily;” and,

170 WHEREAS: Israel has illegally annexed land, including half of Jerusalem; and,

180 WHEREAS: Israel has moved its capital to Jerusalem in violation of International Law; and,

190 WHEREAS: Israel has cut off Palestinian access to Jerusalem splitting up Palestinian families
200 and damaging Palestinian commerce; and,

210 WHEREAS: UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has called on Israel to end the “illegal
220 occupation” of Palestinian Lands.

230 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the membership of the Maryland Student
240 Legislature encourages the United States and the members of the United Nations
250 to recognized the Palestinian State and to further recognize the Palestinian
260 Authority as its government.

270 Mandates: President George W. Bush
280 Vice President Dick Cheney
290 Secretary of State Colin Powell
300 Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle
310 Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott
320 United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan

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