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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

30 WHEREAS: The residents of the District of Columbia are the only Americans who both pay federal
40 income taxes and are denied voting representation in the House and the Senate; and,

50 WHEREAS: The principle of one person, one vote requires that residents who have met every element
60 of American citizenship should have every benefit of American citizenship, including
70 voting representation in the House and the Senate; and,

80 WHEREAS: The residents of the District of Columbia are twice denied equal representation because
90 they do not have voting representation as other tax-paying Americans do and they are
100 required to pay federal income taxes unlike the Americans who live in the territories; and,

110 WHEREAS: Despite the denial of voting representation, Americans in the nation's capital are second
120 per capita in income taxes paid to the federal government; and,

130 WHEREAS: Unequal voting representation in our representative democracy is inconsistent with the
140 founding principles of the nation and the strongly held principles of American people
150 today.

160 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the 107th Congress of the
170 United States to pass and President George W. Bush to sign the 'No Taxation Without
180 Representation Act of 2001'.

190 MANDATES: President George W. Bush
200 Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton
210 Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert
220 House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt
230 House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
240 House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas
250 Senator Joe Lieberman
260 Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle
270 Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott
280 Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus

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