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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 BUDGET CUTS FOR MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

30 WHEREAS: The University System of Maryland (USM) has become more competitive
40 academically and athletically in recent years. SAT scores rose 121 points on
50 average between 1994 and 2000; and,

60 WHEREAS: To stay competitive, colleges and universities in Maryland have to expand
70 facilities; and,

80 WHEREAS: USM and private Maryland institutions tuition and fees have increased an
90 average of 20% in the last 4 years; and,

100 WHEREAS: Schools such as the University of Maryland, College Park have requested a \$40
110 million increase in funding for fiscal year 2002-2003; and,

120 WHEREAS: Governor Parris N. Glendening's proposed budget allocates a mere \$13 million
130 increase; and,

140 WHEREAS: The Maryland General Assembly has proposed a zero percent budget increase
150 for all of the 13 USM institutions.

160 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature expresses its
170 disappointment regarding the Maryland General Assembly's actions to decrease
180 funds for Maryland Higher Education Institutions in passing SB 175; and,

190 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Maryland Student Legislature strongly discourages the
200 Maryland General Assembly from passing a zero percent budget increase for the
210 USM institutions.

220 MANDATES: Governor Parris N. Glendening
230 Speaker of the House of Delegates Casper R. Taylor Jr.
240 President of the Senate Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.
250 Chair of Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Barbara A. Hoffman
260 Chair of the House of Delegates Appropriations Committee Howard P.
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280 Secretary of Higher Education Karen R. Johnson
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