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10 A SIMPLE RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CHANGING OF THE  
20 INVOCATION TO A MOMENT OF SILENCE

30 WHEREAS: Currently there are no laws concerning prayer during the legislative sessions;  
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50 WHEREAS: When an invocation is presented there are religious overtones such as  
60 “God”, “Savior”, and “Lord”; and,

70 WHEREAS: There are religions that might find the above terms offensive; and,

80 WHEREAS: All religions should be treated equally, without anyone feeling uncomfortable;  
90 and,

100 WHEREAS: A moment of silence allows all denominations a period of personal prayer

110 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature shall not permit an  
120 orated benediction; and,

130 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature shall allow a moment  
140 of silence before the start of every Legislative session instead of the invocation.

150 MANDATES: Incoming Governor, Maryland Student Legislature  
160 Incoming Lt. Governor, Maryland Student Legislature  
170 Incoming Speaker of the Assembly, Maryland Student Legislature  
180 William Troy Simmons, Chairman, Board of Directors,  
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