

R001-0203

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL
30 BALLISTICS INFORMATION DATABASE

40 WHEREAS: Police and law enforcement are continually trying to find new ways of solving
50 crimes; and,

60 WHEREAS: Every gun leaves a unique “fingerprint” on a bullet fired from that gun; and,

70 WHEREAS: Modern technology exists to create a database, whereby law enforcement
80 authorities can match a bullet found at a crime scene with any gun already
90 having been entered into that database; and,

100 WHEREAS: Once authorities know which gun was involved in a crime, the database will tell
110 them where the gun was sold and from there they can determine the name of the
120 individual, who purchased the weapon; and,

130 WHEREAS: This system has the potential to greatly aid criminal investigations of gun
140 crimes, without placing unreasonable restrictions or limitations on lawful gun
150 owners or dealers; and,

160 WHEREAS: The sniper killings that terrorized Maryland, Virginia and the District of
170 Columbia during the month of October, 2002 were solved partly with aid
180 of similar database technology.

190 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United
200 States federal government and all appropriate agencies such as the Bureau of
210 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to establish a national ballistics information
220 database similar to the ones already operating in the states of Maryland and New
230 York.

240 MANDATES: President of the United States George W. Bush
250 Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle
260 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert
270 Director of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Bradley A. Buckles

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