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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
REPEALING THE USA PATRIOT ACT

WHEREAS: The patriot act calls for suspects of terrorism to be allowed prison time without knowing what crime they are charged with and without the aid of a lawyer and thus is a clear violation of the Bill Of Rights; and,

WHEREAS: Even though the bill was 300 pages long, and debated, voted on, and signed in a matter of four days, congress was not given adequate time to discuss the bill; and,

WHEREAS: Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R), from Maryland, who voted for the patriot act, was quoted as saying "the most unpatriotic thing I ever did was [vote] for the patriot act;" and,

WHEREAS: Sections, including section 222 of the patriot act clearly bribe the American people into turning their neighbors into the police as suspected terrorists for money; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States Congress to repeal the USA Patriot Act.

MANDATES: President George W. Bush
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Secretary of State Colin Powell
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