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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE INCREASE OF TEACHERS' SALARIES IN THE STATE OF
30 MARYLAND

40 WHEREAS: Teachers salaries, as of 2000-2001 fiscal year, accounted for less than 65% of
50 the Maryland State Department of Education's budget; and,

60 WHEREAS: Current benefits of the state for new teachers to become full-time employees are
70 not very lucrative, including very small bonuses for recent graduates who earned
80 high honors and graduated high in their class; and,

90 WHEREAS: In 2001, Maryland teacher's salaries rose only 5%, where as in the Washington
100 D.C. and northern Virginia regions, there were large across-the-board pay raises,
110 like in Loudoun County, where there was a 15.5% increase; and,

120 WHEREAS: According to the Maryland State Teachers Association recent decisions by the
130 State Court of Appeals and by the State Board of Education suggests that major
140 legislative overhaul will be necessary to fix the current collective bargaining
150 problems; and,

160 WHEREAS: The HB1247/SB810 supported a 10% salary increase which to end last year, did
170 not receive the needed matching county funds to pay the teachers heightened
180 raises.

190 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
200 Maryland General Assembly and the Governor/Lt. Governor to work together
210 and pass a long-term and more lucrative pay raise for Maryland Teachers.

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