

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE REMOVAL OF THE QUESTION OF RACE FROM THE UNITED
30 STATES CENSUS FORM

40 WHEREAS: Article I of the United States Constitution does not grant the
50 United States Congress the power to survey the country's racial composition;
60 and,

70 WHEREAS: The historical motive of gathering racial statistics was to know how many free
80 persons and non-free persons, i.e. slaves, were in a state for voting purposes.

90 WHEREAS: Amendment 15, Section 1 allows voting of all races and creeds, regardless of
100 their prior status; and,

110 WHEREAS: Amendment 13, Section 1 eliminates all "involuntary servitude" within the
120 United States; and,

130 WHEREAS: Amendment 14, Section 2 eliminates the "three-fifths compromise," making all
140 persons equal; and,

150 WHEREAS: A continuation of a policy instituted for purposes of organizing and continuing
160 slavery is nothing short of institutional bias and racism; and,

170 WHEREAS: Race is nothing more than a physical descriptor and should not be a relevant fact
180 to any governmental issue; and,

190 WHEREAS: There is concern that the information on the Census cannot be kept private to
200 the extent that is guaranteed; and,

210 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urge the United States
220 Congress to eliminate the race question from the United States Census forms;
230 and,

240 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Maryland Student Legislature urge the Congress to conduct a
250 full review of all of the questions and their importance to the Census; and,

260 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Maryland Student Legislature urge the Maryland General
270 Assembly to follow their lead and urge Congress to do the aforementioned
280 resolve clauses.

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300 Lt. Governor Michael Steele
310 Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert
320 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist
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