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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
CONDEMNING THE PEACE PROTESTS IN THE UNITED STATES

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WHEREAS: In the first amendment to the United States Constitution, in regard to the right to protest, it clearly states that: "or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

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WHEREAS: In the case of the protests before and during the war in Iraq, mass protests have clearly violated the first amendment, and these protests have shown to turn into riots that disturb the peace, and cause major distraction to police; and

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WHEREAS: It also causes disruption to other emergency workers, when during this time of war, the terror threat was raised to a high level, and this causes departments of emergency to be on high alert; and,

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WHEREAS: The protests take this concentration away from the high alert, causing the United States to be more vulnerable to terrorist attacks; and,

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WHEREAS: These protests have also defamed the United States, and accounts of flag burnings, harming of police officers and civilians, and destruction of private property; and,

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WHEREAS: The first amendment to the Constitution gives the right to protest peaceably, not the right to riot, destroy property, and harm others; and,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature condemn these protests as violating the first amendment, and that these people against the war should find a new means to assemble, especially during a high terror threat level.

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