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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE PRESERVATION OF SELLINGER FUNDING TO MARYLAND'S
30 INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

40 WHEREAS: Maryland's Joseph A. Sellinger Program ("Sellinger Program"), created in 1971
50 by the Maryland General Assembly, provides state-funded grants to private
60 colleges in the form of annual payments directly to the eligible institutions; and,

70 WHEREAS: The Sellinger Program currently provides seventeen independent colleges and
80 universities throughout Maryland with approximately \$43.7 million collectively;
90 and,

100 WHEREAS: The Maryland General Assembly has recently considered significantly reducing
110 the funds available to the Sellinger Program; and,

120 WHEREAS: The House Appropriations Subcommittee has made two recommendations
130 concerning the cuts; and,

140 WHEREAS: They have recommended a reduction of the Sellinger Funds by either 34% (\$15
150 million out of the \$43.7 million) or by 50% (\$22.5 million out of the \$43.7
160 million) for the 2004 Fiscal Year; and,

170 WHEREAS: The funds are imperative to these private institutions as they help to fund the
180 educations of students in three priority areas: students interested in teaching and
190 nursing, those of African-American, Asian, and Hispanic heritage, and the
200 economically disadvantaged; and,

210 WHEREAS: Sellinger Funds also aid in research programs at Johns Hopkins' University;
220 reducing the funds to these programs would have an adverse impact on one of
230 the country's top research facilities; and,

240 WHEREAS: A cut in these funds would significantly increase tuition and reduce financial aid
250 available to students at Maryland's private colleges and universities.

260 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the members of
270 the Maryland General Assembly to limit their reduction of the Sellinger Funds
280 and continue to support Maryland's independent institutions of higher education.

290 MANDATES: Governor Robert Ehrlich
300 Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele
310 President of the Senate Mike Miller
320 Speaker of the House Michael Busch
330 Chairman of House Appropriations Pete Rawlings
340 Vice Chairman of House Appropriations, Norman Conway
350 Senator Patrick Hogan
360 Senator Lowell Stoltzfus
370 Senator David Brinkley
380 Senator Nathaniel McFadden

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