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10 A SIMPLE RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE REMEMBRANCE OF SENATOR CLARENCE BLOUNT

- 30 WHEREAS: Senator Clarence W. Blount served in the Maryland Senate from 1971 to
40 2002; and,
- 50 WHEREAS: In 1983, Senator Blount became the first African American majority leader
60 of the Maryland Senate; and,
- 70 WHEREAS: In 1987, Senator Blount became the chair of the Economic and Environmental
80 Affairs Committee, the first African American in Maryland's history to serve
90 as a Senate committee chair; and,
- 100 WHEREAS: Despite facing numerous difficulties in completing his own education, Senator
110 Blount overcame those obstacles to go on to serve the State of Maryland as both
120 an educator, and as a champion for education funding; and,
- 130 WHEREAS: Senator Blount was also a decorated veteran of World War II, who faced
140 issues of racial segregation even as he served his country; and,
- 150 WHEREAS: Senator Blount was regarded by his colleagues as the "Conscience of the
160 Senate," earning the respect of all who knew him through the integrity and
170 statesmanship he brought to his duties; and,
- 180 WHEREAS: Senator Blount's presence and distinguished leadership in Maryland politics will
190 be missed by those who served with him, as well those whom he served.
- 200 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature holds its 2003 Annual
210 Session in remembrance of Senator Clarence Blount; and,
- 220 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the members of the Maryland Student Legislature shall
230 strive to fulfill our duties with the same dignity and grace with which Senator
240 Blount served the Maryland Senate for 31 years.
- 250 MANDATES: Mrs. Gordine Blount and family
260 Governor Robert Ehrlich
270 Lt. Governor Michael Steele
280 Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller
290 House Speaker Michael Busch

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