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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND**

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WHEREAS: At their October 17, 2003 meeting, the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland voted to increase student tuition an average of 9.4 percent; and,

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WHEREAS: With this 9.4 percent increase the tuition of students in the University System of Maryland will have increased nearly 30 percent in two years; and,

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WHEREAS: Chancellor William Kirwan has indicated that a further double-digit increase in tuition may occur before the end of the year if the governor does not provide an additional \$61 million for the University System of Maryland; and,

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WHEREAS: The \$61 million supplemental budget request includes \$17.5 million for financially disadvantaged students; and,

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WHEREAS: Further tuition increases would only serve to deny educational opportunities to the state's lower and middle class students who otherwise could afford the cost of higher education in Maryland.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature strongly urges Governor Ehrlich to provide \$61 million in the FY 2004 budget for the supplemental budget request submitted by the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents.

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MANDATES: Governor Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.
Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele
Chancellor William E. Kirwan
Board of Regents Chairman Clifford M. Kendall
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