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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF**

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**“FATTI MARCHII FEMINE PAROLE” FROM THE STATE SEAL**

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**WHEREAS:** The state motto on the Seal of the Great State of Maryland is sexist. The literal Latin translation of the seal is “Manly deeds, womanly words.” This motto may have been appropriate during the 19<sup>th</sup> century when women were not politically active in the State of Maryland.

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**WHEREAS:** Women in 1920 were granted the right of suffrage and now are politically active and this phrase on the state seal is archaic and should be removed.

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**WHEREAS:** Latin is a language that is not commonly used by the public and such a phrase would be found offensive by over half of the voters in this state.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature upon careful evaluation of the material and after debating on the topic urges the Governor Robert L. Ehrlich and the Maryland General Assembly to work in unison to pass a resolution changing part of the motto on the seal of the Great State of Maryland.

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