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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE NAMING**
20 **OF AN UNDERCOVER CIA INTELLIGENCE OFFICER BY TWO SENIOR ADMINISTRATION**
30 **OFFICIALS**

40 **WHEREAS:** Joseph Wilson, a career State Department official, and former ambassador to
50 Niger was sent by the CIA to investigate possible uranium purchases by Iraq; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Wilson's report could not confirm these purchases, he outlined the highlights of his report
70 in a July 6, 2003 New York Times Op-ed piece; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** On July 14, 2003, columnist Robert Novak, disclosed the name of a CIA Operative and
90 her relationship to Joseph Wilson, "*Wilson never worked for the CIA, but his wife,*
100 *Valerie Plame, is an Agency operative on weapons of mass destruction. Two senior*
110 *administration officials told me Wilson's wife suggested sending him to Niger to*
120 *investigate the Italian report. The CIA says its counter-proliferation officials selected*
130 *Wilson and asked his wife to contact him.;* and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Under federal law (1982 Intelligence Identification Act), exposing the identity of an
150 intelligence official is punishable by 10 years in prison; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** At the CIA's request the Justice Department launched a criminal investigation into the
170 leak, the White House was informed that they were to preserve all documents that may be
180 relevant to the probe; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** In December, 2003, Attorney General John Ashcroft recused himself from the
200 investigation, the case was picked up by United States attorney, Patrick J. Fitzgerald from
210 Chicago; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** Fitzgerald was appointed by President Bush, and serves at the pleasure of the President;
230 and,

240 **WHEREAS:** The investigation has been ongoing for months, has cost taxpayers millions of dollars,
250 and it is unclear if Fitzgerald will release a report of his findings, or if he will seek
260 indictments.

270 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States Congress
280 take action to initiate its own bi-partisan investigation into the disclosure of Valerie
290 Plame as an undercover CIA officer by senior administration officials; and,

300 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges United States attorney, Patrick
310 J. Fitzgerald to release a report of his findings no later than July 1, 2004 and to seek
320 indictments under the 1982 Intelligence Identification Act, where appropriate.

330 **MANDATES:** United States Attorney General, John Ashcroft
340 United States Attorney, Patrick J. Fitzgerald
350 Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert
360 House Majority Leader, Tom Delay
370 House Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi
380 Senate Majority Leader, William Frist
390 Senate Minority Leader, Tom Daschle

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