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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WASHINGTON, D.C. AS A STATE**

- 30     **WHEREAS:**     The residence of the District of Columbia are taxpaying citizens of America;  
40                     and,
- 50     **WHEREAS:**     Every taxpaying citizen should have the right to representation in both houses of  
60                     the United States Congress; and,
- 70     **WHEREAS:**     Taxation without representation was one of the major reasons that the colonies  
80                     of America declared independence from England; and,
- 90     **WHEREAS:**     Washington, D.C. is currently given the right to select members to participate in  
100                    the electoral college during the selection of the President of the United States;  
110                    and,
- 120    **WHEREAS:**     Washington, D.C. currently has a non-voting delegate in the House of  
130                    Representatives; and,
- 140    **WHEREAS:**     There are more people living in Washington, D.C. than in the state of Wyoming,  
150                    while Wyoming is allotted 3 members in Congress and Washington, D. C. is  
160                    allotted none; and,
- 170    **WHEREAS:**     The citizens of Washington, D.C. deserve to create laws for themselves without  
180                    having to receive approval from congress; and,
- 190    **WHEREAS:**     Congress could save time and money by removing their oversight powers if  
200                    D.C. was granted statehood;

210    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**         That the Maryland Student Legislature supports the  
220                    statehood movement of Washington, D.C. residents.

- 220    **MANDATES:**     President George W. Bush  
230                    Vice President Richard Cheney  
240                    Speaker Dennis Hastert  
250                    Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist  
260                    Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton  
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