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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND**
20 **THE GREAT WORK OF JOHN MCCAIN**

30 **WHEREAS:** President Bush won more popular votes in the 2004
40 Presidential elections than any other President in the
50 history of the United States; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The United States Senate is now controlled by Republicans with a fifty-five
70 seat majority; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Republicans also increased their majority in the House of Representatives
90 to at least two hundred and thirty-one; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Congressional Republicans and President Bush now have a very sizeable
110 mandate to govern from the center right and move forward on center right
120 positions; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Republicans now have a duty to eliminate wasteful spending and
140 abolish wasteful government programs which drive up the budget
150 deficit and drag down our economy; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** President Bush now has an obligation to eliminate the federal deficit and end
170 the skyrocketing deficits created by drunken sailor spending; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** The national debt is almost seven and a half trillion dollars with the
190 debt ceiling expected to be raised to record levels; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** Federal deficit spending means that the federal government borrows money
210 from public and/or private sources, thus shutting out private borrowers and
220 preventing them from using that loan to invest in capital for their
230 business or for individuals to purchase a home; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** The national debt is expected to significantly drag down the value of the US
250 dollar and hamper the booming housing market by increasing interest rates; and,

260 **WHEREAS:** Large portions of our borrowed money come from foreign lenders including
270 billions from Communist China where college kids, who protest for the freedom
280 and democracy we enjoy here in America, are run over with tanks; and,

290 **WHEREAS:** John McCain has been a fiscal hawk in the United States Senate and
300 has embarked on a crusade to end pork barrel spending and bring
310 the conservative value of responsibility into the budgeting process; and,

320 **WHEREAS:** As John McCain puts it in a speech he gave on the Senate floor Sep 23, 2004,
330 "... we have got to wake up and take a long hard look at how we're going to
340 pay for all of this. As the saying goes, the future is now. We face a \$422 billion
350 deficit, yet we continue to approve legislation containing billions and billions of
360 dollars in unrequested and unauthorized pork barrel projects. In fact, Mr.
370 President, according to the Congressional Research Service, the number of
380 Congressional earmarks found in the 13 annual appropriations bills only
390 continue to grow. In 1994 there were 4,126 earmarks. In 2004, there were
 14,040! How can we defend that track record to the taxpayer?"; and,

400 **WHEREAS:** John McCain also states, “In a joint statement, the Committee for Economic
410 Development, the Concord Coalition, and the Center on Budget and Policy
420 Priorities stated that, ‘without a change in current (fiscal) policies, the federal
430 government can expect to run a cumulative deficit of \$5 trillion over the next 10
440 years.’ Mr. President, these figures are shameful and frightening.”

450 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature condemns the
460 borrow and spend policies which have been in effect for many years; and,

470 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature praises
480 Senator John McCain for his work in ending pork barrel spending and his work
490 in lowering the federal deficit; and,

500 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges President
510 Bush to use the power of the veto to end the deficit spending and work with
520 Congress to do whatever necessary to eliminate the federal deficit.
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540 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
550 Senator John McCain
560 Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi
570 Minority Leader of the Senate Tom Daschle
580 Senator John Kerry
590 Senator John Edwards
600 Senator Barbara Mikulski
610 Senator Paul Sarbanes
620 Majority Leader of the Senate Dr. Bill Frist
630 Majority Leader of the House Tom DeLay

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