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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM HEALTH AND STABILITY OF**
20 **SURVIVING SPOUSE (S) AND CHILD (REN)**

30 **WHEREAS:** The Federal government has the ability and motive to call into federal service
40 for the defense of America, members of the Maryland National Guard; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Maryland National guardsmen being removed from their families, professions,
60 and the service of their home state, may expire in battle; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Surviving families are compensated in the amount of \$12,000.00 per annum;
80 and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The state of Maryland recognizes this amount to be inadequate compensation;
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110 **WHEREAS:** The cost of health care and insurance are placing a reasonable cost of living for
120 single parent households ever higher: and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The family ought to be further compensated for their sacrifice to the federal
140 government and the United States.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student strongly urges the state of
160 Maryland and the U.S. Congress to increase survivor benefits; and,

170 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the U.S.
180 Congress to incorporate a formula that will allow for more compensation for
190 those survivors with higher family needs; and,

200 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature strongly urges the U.S.
210 Congress to raise the standard level for all survivors from a paltry \$12,000.00
220 per annum to a more reasonable \$35,000.00 per annum.

230 **MANDATES:** Governor Robert Ehrlich
240 Senator Barbara Mikulski
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