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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE U.S. COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION**
20 **REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS**

30 **WHEREAS:** The U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform (CIR) was established in 1990
40 and concluded its findings in the late 1990's; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The bipartisan commission was chaired by the late Congresswoman Barbara
60 Jordan, the highly esteemed civil rights advocate; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** In a series of reports submitted between 1994 and 1997, the commission
80 analyzed the impact of current immigration policies and issued
90 recommendations for reform; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** The CIR issued four reports with regards to immigration reform: The first report
110 issued by the CIR, *U.S. Immigration Policy: Restoring Credibility*, focused
120 primarily on illegal immigration; The commission's second report, *Legal*
130 *Immigration: Setting Priorities*, addressed legal immigration, including family
140 and employment-based immigration, refugee admissions, and naturalization;
150 The commission's third report, *U.S. Refugee Policy: Taking Leadership*,
160 addressed refugees and asylum policy; The CIR's fourth and final report,
170 *Becoming an American: Immigration and Immigrant Policy*, submitted a
180 framework for immigration policy, bringing together all of its earlier
190 recommendations for improved controls against illegal immigration, restructured
200 and reduced legal immigration, and a revised refugee and asylum admission
210 system; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** Uncontrolled immigration will drive the U.S. population from 270 million today
230 to 392 million by 2050; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** Between 1997 and 2006, the projected total net cost to taxpayers for
250 immigration will be \$865.98B; and,

260 **WHEREAS:** Based on fiscal estimates developed by the National Academy of Sciences, it
270 stated the lifetime net fiscal drain – taxes paid minus all services used – for the
280 average undocumented adult Mexican immigrant is negative \$55,200; and,

290 **WHEREAS:** An estimated 800,000 undocumented immigrants enter the United States each
300 year and, currently approximately 8,000,000 undocumented immigrants are in
310 the United States; and,

320 **WHEREAS:** The Jordan Commission was commissioned and reported its findings prior to the
330 terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, an event that highlights the desperate
340 need to control illegal immigration so that it does not undermine Homeland
350 Security.

360 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
370 Congress of the United States to pass legislation implementing the
380 recommendations of the Jordan Commission; and,

390 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges President Bush
400 to rethink his support of a guest-worker amnesty program and publicly support
410 the recommendations of the Jordan Commission.

420 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
430 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist
440 Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid
450 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert
460 House Majority Leader Tom DeLay
470 House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
480 Congressman Tom Tancredo

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