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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EDUCATION

WHEREAS: The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America proclaims that: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States;" and,

WHEREAS: That equality of education as opined in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* [347 U.S. 483, 74 S.Ct 686, 98 L.Ed 873 (1954)], is guaranteed to all citizens of the United States; and,

WHEREAS: The maintenance of separate and unequal educational facilities is currently enforced by current Maryland property tax law; and,

WHEREAS: The current reliance on local property tax revenue for education funding constitutes such a deprivation of equal protection under the law in regards to education.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That from this day forward, public education facilities will be co-funded by the state of Maryland and the Federal Government of the United States in their respective and current proportions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all education expenditures will be provided as a line item in every Maryland budget beginning with FY 2006; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The revenue collected by the State will be distributed to each school district so as to conform with State standards; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That revenue will be obtained under current tax structures and any other provisions heretofore not enacted.

MANDATES: Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
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