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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **MANDATORY NATIONAL SERVICE**

- 30 **WHEREAS:** With citizenship comes benefits but sacrifice is not mandatory; and,
- 40 **WHEREAS:** Although not every citizen has the capacity to serve in the military, every citizen
50 has the ability to serve his or her nation in some manner; and,
- 60 **WHEREAS:** Service to the government can provide valuable experience and job training,
70 thus stimulating the job market; and,
- 80 **WHEREAS:** The government is eclectic enough to provide training for most career fields;
90 and,
- 100 **WHEREAS:** Government organizations such as PeaceCorps and AmeriCorps exist for this
110 purpose; and,
- 120 **WHEREAS:** Mandatory service provides an obligation of citizenship that will catalyze
130 patriotism and encourages citizens to feel a part of their government; and,
- 140 **WHEREAS:** If citizenship is no longer a gift, citizens will grow interest and participation in
150 their country for a lifetime; and,
- 160 **WHEREAS:** For one year every citizen, regardless of class and gender, should dedicate his or
170 herself to service of the nation from which he or she has reaped benefits; and,
- 180 **WHEREAS:** This service can in any area of Local, State, And National Government, or
190 Military Service, the service will directly benefit the citizens without creating a
200 conflict of interests; and,
- 210 **WHEREAS:** During this service, the citizen will be eligible for tax incentives; and,
- 220 **WHEREAS:** By not completing this service the citizen renounces his or her citizenship by not
230 fulfilling the duties of a citizen.
- 240 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
250 United States Congress to support a bill mandating one year of public service to
260 be completed by the age of 30.
- 270 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
 Vice President Richard Cheney

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