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10 **A SIMPLE RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **PRAISING THE LIFE AND WORK OF POPE JOHN PAUL II**

30 **WHEREAS:** Karol J. Wojtyla, officially known as Pope John Paul II rose in the
40 Catholic faith to become a great leader and symbol for peace in the world;
50 and,

60 **WHEREAS:** He studied the Catholic faith to become a priest while the Nazi's were
70 occupying and closing seminaries in Poland; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** From the moment that he became Pope in 1978, his first pilgrimage was
90 to Communist Poland where he preached freedom and human dignity; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Pope John Paul II also made papal visits to the Soviet Union during the
110 Cold War, in which he said outright that he was very critical of
120 Communism; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Through his visits and speeches to the Communist countries, Pope John
140 Paul II contributed greatly to the fall of Communism in the late 1980's;
150 and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Pope John Paul II continued his peaceful mission to other Communist
170 leaders Fidel Castro of Cuba, Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Bashar
180 al-Assad of Syria which continued to show that he was committed to challenging
190 dictatorial governments in the world; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** The Pope has also completed 95 different pastoral visits outside of Italy,
210 becoming the most traveled Pope in history; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** In every one of these visits he spoke of the importance of peace and the
230 sanctity of human life; and,

240 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
250 praise Karol J. Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II, for his life that was devoted to
260 peace and human justice.

270 **MANDATES:** Cardinal William Keeler
280 President George W. Bush
290 Prime Minister Tony Blair
300 President Vladimir Putin
310 President Fidel Castro
320 Prime Minister Ariel Sharon
330 President Pervez Musharraf
340 President Bashar al-Assad
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