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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS FOR THE**
20 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

30 **WHEREAS:** This country was founded on the principle of “No taxation without
40 representation”; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The Constitution gives Congress exclusive legislative authority
60 over DC in Article I, Section 8, Clause 17; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** DC was granted limited home rule in 1973 but it's budget is still in
80 the hands of four Congressional subcommittees; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Congress passed laws to modify the local governance structure
100 numerous times and the local judges are appointed by the
110 President; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** The people of District of Columbia have no representation in
130 congress; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** The District of Columbia has a population of 572,059; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** The District of Columbia pays over \$5 billion in taxes every
160 year.

170 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature
180 urges the United States Congress to pass the 'No Taxation Without
190 Representation Act of 2005' (S. 195 and H.R. 286) introduced by
200 U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) and U.S. Delegate Eleanor
210 Holmes Norton (D-D.C.); and,

220 **BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature also urges
230 the United States Congress to pass the 'DC Fairness in
240 Representation Act' (H.R. 2043) introduced by U.S. Representative
250 Tom Davis (R-Virginia).

260 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
270 Bill Frist, Senate Majority Leader
280 Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader
290 Roy Blunt, House Majority Leader
300 Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader
310 Senator Joe Lieberman
320 Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton
330 Representative Tom Davis

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