

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED STATES INITIATIVE IN THE**
20 **DEBILITATION OF GLOBAL WARMING**

30 **WHEREAS:** In the Legislative Year 2001-2002 the Honorable Delegate Jeffrey Noel-
40 Nosbaum proposed legislation number R009-0102 entitled "A Resolution
50 United States Initiative in the Prevention of Global Warming"; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Because this issue is still a matter of great importance the Maryland Student
70 Legislature should re-consider the legislation; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Global warming is the heating of the earth's land-surface temperature due to the
90 trapping of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Measured atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide,
110 chlorofluorocarbons, methane, and nitrous oxide have risen substantially in
120 recent decades; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Ten of the warmest years of the 113-year recorded history of land-surface
140 temperature measurements have occurred since 1980; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** The increases in greenhouse gases are due to human activity such as the burning
160 of fossil fuels, agriculture, use of CFC's, and deforestation; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** The effects of global warming will bring expanded ranges of tropical diseases
180 and other devastating health problems, perilous sea level rise, more intense
190 tropical storms, extinction of countless plant and animal species, and failure of
200 crops in the world's most vulnerable regions; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** The devastating hurricanes seen in recent years are more than likely brought
220 about by the effects of global warming; and,

230 **WHEREAS:** The effects of global warming will not discriminate against race, nationality,
240 region, or species and, therefore, are problems that will effect every member of
250 the international community; and,

260 **WHEREAS:** The continued emission of greenhouse gases at current rates will cause global
270 warming and subsequent climate change, the effects of which may be
280 catastrophic and irreversible; and,

290 **WHEREAS:** The United States is a primary leader in the international community whose
300 influences are felt worldwide; and,

310 **WHEREAS:** The United States is a primary producer of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse
320 gases; and,

330 **WHEREAS:** An initiative on behalf of the United States on preventing the effects of global
340 warming by reduced greenhouse emissions and ending deforestation could lead
350 to the implementing of similar policies in foreign countries; and,

360 **WHEREAS:** An international agreement exists to decrease the emissions of greenhouse gases
370 and the United States has chosen not to participate in this agreement.

380 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
390 Government of the United States of America take initiative in preventing global
400 warming by improving auto efficiency by raising mileage-per-gallon (CAFÉ)
410 standards for new imported and domestic cars and light trucks, accelerating the

420 rate of energy efficiency gains industry, residential and commercial buildings
430 through combinations of policy measures, including improving efficiency for
440 lighting standards and appliances; implementing effective market incentives;
450 promoting government investment in research and development programs; and
460 ending fossil fuel subsidies; and,

470 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That, included in this initiative, the United States would
480 accelerate research and development of solar and renewable energy technologies
490 and implement programs to end deforestation, both domestic and foreign efforts,
500 and encourage and support afforestation.

510 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
520 Bill Frist, Senate Majority Leader
530 Harry Reid, Senate Minority Leader
540 Roy Blunt, House Majority Leader
550 Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader

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