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10 **A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATE SENATE TO**
20 **QUICKLY CONFIRM SAMUEL ALITO TO THE UNITED STATES**
30 **SUPREME COURT**

40 **WHEREAS:** On July 1, 2005 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
50 Sandra Day O'Connor announced her retirement, effective upon the
60 confirmation of a new Supreme Court Justice; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** President George W. Bush announced on October 3 that he was nominating
80 Harriet Meirs to take Justice O'Connor's seat; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Harriet Meirs who served as President Bush's White House Counsel withdrew
100 her nomination because of the Senate Judiciary committee's desire to seek
110 White House Documents; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** President Bush announced his new choice, Samuel Alito, as his new nominee
130 for Justice O'Connor's seat on October 31, 2005; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** On February 20, 1990 George H. W. Bush nominated Samuel Alito to the
150 United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** The American Bar Association gave Samuel Alito a well-qualified rating
170 as a Judicial Nominee; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** Samuel Alito was unanimously confirmed by voice vote on April 27, 1990
190 at which time Democratic Senator from Massachusetts Ted Kennedy said
200 of Mr. Alito, " you (Alito) have obviously had a very distinguished record,
210 and I certainly commend you for long service in the public interest. I think
220 it is a very commendable career and I am sure you will have a successful one
230 as a judge"; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** Republican Senator from Utah Orrin Hatch has said of President Bush's
250 nomination of Samuel Alito, "President Bush has hit a home run by
260 selecting Sam Alito. Anyone would be hard pressed to name another
270 nominee with such a sterling and distinguished record. Judge Alito
280 believes the law- not the Judge- should determine the results in
290 a case".

300 **THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature gives recognition to
310 President George W. Bush for his timely decision to nominate Samuel
320 Alito to the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the
330 United States; and.

340 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Senate
350 Judiciary Committee to give a favorable recommendation to President Bush's
360 Supreme Court nominee, Samuel Alito; and,

370 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Senate to
380 confirm Samuel Alito as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

390 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
400 Vice President Dick Cheney
410 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist
420 Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid

430 Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter
440 Ranking Judiciary Member Patrick Leahy
450 The Honorable Samuel Alito

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