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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE INVOLVEMENT OF MALICIOUS 20**
11 **FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN THE IRANIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM**

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13 40 **WHEREAS:** It is widely suspected that the country of Iran is attempting to develop nuclear
14 50 weapons technology, and;

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16 70 **WHEREAS:** This suspicion has been developed over several years of intelligence gathering, and;

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18 90 **WHEREAS:** During the campaign of this past fall, Former Vice Presidential candidate Jon
19 100 Edwards outlined a plan to definitively determine whether or not Iran had nuclear weapons, and;

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21 120 **WHEREAS:** His plan would have included sanctions on Iran, and;

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23 140 **WHEREAS:** President George W. Bush cited Iran as a member of the “Axis of 170 Evil,”
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26 180 **WHEREAS:** Members of the United States Congress of diverse political persuasions have
27 190 introduced bills to curb the actions of Iran and Russia and resolutions to express displeasure with
28 200 those actions, and;

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30 220 **WHEREAS:** These include Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 of the 104th Congress, introduced
31 230 by Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Me), The Iran Nuclear Proliferation Act of 1998, introduced by
32 240 Representative Robert Menendez (D-NJ), and many more that are too numerous to list here, and;

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34 260 **WHEREAS:** It can be seen that this suspicion of Iran is nonpartisan in nature, and;

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36 280 **WHEREAS:** Throughout the history of the Iranian effort to acquire nuclear weapons, Iran has
37 290 had assistance from foreign sources, and;

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39 310 **WHEREAS:** The chief source of foreign assistance has been the Russian Federation, and;

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41 330 **WHEREAS:** The Russian Federation has claimed that it is only helping Iran develop nuclear
42 340 technologies for power plants and peaceful purposes, and;

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44 360 **WHEREAS:** The technologies that the Russian Federation is helping Iran develop are dual-use,
45 370 meaning they can be used for violence or for energy supply, and;

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47 390 **WHEREAS:** The Russian Federation’s claim is disingenuous at best, criminally negligent at its
48 400 midpoint, and deliberately malicious at its worst, and;

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50 420 **WHEREAS:** Nuclear proliferation, especially in unstable countries with interests diametrically
51 430 opposed to those of the United States’, and is not healthy for our foreign relations or security.

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53 450 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United
54 460 States federal government to take whatever reasonable actions it can to limit or eliminate the
55 470 involvement of the Russian Federation in the Iranian nuclear program, and;

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57 490 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That such measures may include sanctions,
58 500 freezing of assets, and condemnation in international circles.

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60 520 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
61 530 Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
62 540 Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
63 550 National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley

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