

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**  
20     **THE PASSAGE OF THE CHILDREN’S SAFETY AND VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION**  
30     **ACT**

30     **WHEREAS:**     H.R. 4472 (The Children’s Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act) would  
40                     place additional requirements on states, Indian tribes, and U.S. territories to  
50                     establish or maintain registration programs for persons convicted of sex  
60                     offenses; and,

70     **WHEREAS:**     The bill would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for fiscal  
80                     years 2006 through 2008 for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to  
90                     cover the costs of meeting these new requirements and the costs of meeting  
100                    existing federal requirements for sex offender registration programs; and,

110    **WHEREAS:**     H.R. 4472 also would direct DOJ to carry out certain activities relating to  
120                     identifying and tracking sex offenders and would establish several DOJ grant  
130                     programs to combat sex offenses; and,

140    **WHEREAS:**     In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of funds over the 2006-  
150                     2010 period to provide increased court security through the U.S. Marshals  
160                     Service and to provide grants to states to increase the security of courts and  
170                     protect witnesses; and,

180    **WHEREAS:**     H.R. 4472 also would authorize the appropriation of funds over the 2006-2010  
190                     period for DOJ programs to combat criminal street gangs, protect witnesses and  
200                     victims of gang-related crimes; and,

210    **WHEREAS:**     H.R. 4472 would establish mandatory minimum prison sentences for a number  
220                     of offenses related to sexual abuse, certain crimes committed against judges and  
230                     certain public safety officers and their families, and for certain crimes  
240                     committed by members of criminal street gangs; and,

250    **WHEREAS:**     H.R. 4472 also would increase the mandatory minimum federal sentences for  
260                     the crimes of murder in the second degree and manslaughter.

270    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature (MSL) urges the  
280                     United States Congress to pass The Children’s Safety and Violent Crime  
290                     Reduction Act; and,

300    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the (MSL) urges the President to signal his support for  
310                     the Children’s Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Act and to sign the  
320                     legislation into law once the US Congress passes it; and,

330    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That any legislation passing Congress include mandatory life  
340                     sentence provisions for anyone convicted of first and second-degree rape or first  
350                     and second-degree murder.

360    **MANDATES:**     President George W. Bush  
370                     Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist  
380                     Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid  
390                     Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert  
400                     House Majority Leader John Boehner  
410                     House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi  
420                     Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez

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