

**R034-0506**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**  
20     **THE REPEAL OF THE MOTTO “FEAR THE TURTLE”**

30     **WHEREAS:**     The current motto for the Maryland flagship university at College Park is “Fear the  
40                             Turtle; and,

50     **WHEREAS:**     This turtle being referenced is their mascot “Testudo”, a Maryland terrapin; and,

60     **WHEREAS:**     Terrapin turtles are not only water bound, but are some of the smallest turtle breeds in  
70                             northern America; and,

80     **WHEREAS:**     All other USM mascots and mascots of colleges in Maryland in true life either eat  
90                             terrapins, or have the ability to crush or maim them;

100    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the repeal of the motto  
110                             “Fear the Turtle” until a new more appropriate motto can be agreed upon.

120    **MANDATES:**     Governor Robert Erlich  
130                             Lt. Governor Michael Steele  
140                             Chancellor William “Brit” Kirwan

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