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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE ENERGY SUPPLY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

- 30 **WHEREAS:** The United States of America depends on oil for much of it's energy needs; and,
- 40 **WHEREAS:** Much of the energy we consume originates from other countries such as Iran, Saudi
50 Arabia, Russia, and Venezuela; and,
- 60 **WHEREAS:** Importation from OPEC nations and Russia poses a serious national security threat to our
70 nation; and,
- 80 **WHEREAS:** Iranian leaders use the profits from petroleum to finance terrorism and Saudi Arabian
90 leaders use their profits to finance the continual abuse of human rights throughout their
100 country; and,
- 110 **WHEREAS:** Depending on other nations for energy deprives our country of the important ability to
120 stand alone in the face of an international crisis; and,
- 130 **WHEREAS:** OPEC, because of its unique monopolization of energy prices, can set the price of a
140 barrel of oil as high as they may please; and,
- 150 **WHEREAS:** Dependence on the Middle East for energy negatively affects foreign policy and
160 disallows our nation from defending our Democratic interests throughout the world; and,
- 170 **WHEREAS:** One alternative to petroleum that has already allowed Brazil to become energy
180 independent is that of ethanol; and,
- 190 **WHEREAS:** Engines can be adapted and produced to allow for the use of ethanol based gasoline; and,
- 200 **WHEREAS:** The mass production of ethanol from corn would allow our country to become energy
210 independent, would be a boom to the farmers of this great nation, and would allow our
220 nation to protect our interests both domestic and abroad without having to worry about
230 energy disruptions as a result of other nations.
- 240 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States
250 Congress and the President to work together to formulate legislation which would
260 mandate the sale of ethanol-based gasoline throughout the United States of America; and;
- 270 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this legislation would include annual tax breaks to corn farmers
280 who own less than 50 acres of farmable land.
- 290 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
300 Vice President Dick Cheney
310 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist
320 Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid
330 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert
340 Minority Leader of the House Nancy Pelosi
350 Majority Leader of the House Boehner

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