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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FREEDOM ON THE ROAD**

20 **WHEREAS:** The Eastern Shore is a well known tourist destination that is visited by peoples
30 from around the world and is visited by millions of people over the course of a
40 year; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Without a major airport located on the Eastern Shore, most visitors are required
60 to drive to various vacation locations on the Eastern Shore. The most common
70 of which being Ocean City, located in Worcester County, the southernmost
80 county on the Eastern Shore; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Most speed limits on major thoroughfares on the “Western Shore” are placed at
100 65 miles per hour. Contrarily, speed limits on Route 50, which runs the length
110 of the Lower Shore and is extensively traveled, are placed only at 55 miles per
120 hour; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Many unsuspecting travelers do not realize the shift in acceptable behavior and
140 continue to travel at speeds exceeding the regulated limits. Consequently, many
150 people who do not reside on the Eastern Shore are subsequently fined and
160 disciplined for behavior that would be acceptable many other places in
170 Maryland; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** Police officers are modern heroes, and we must do our best to protect them.
190 However, the speed checkpoints which are common practice and many police
200 officers conduct on Route 50 can be dangerous both to a speeding driver, and
210 the police officer.

220 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
230 General Assembly to raise the speed limit Maryland Route 50 to 65 miles per
240 hour, except through communities along the highway; and,

250 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
260 General Assembly to order the removal of signs that say “Bay Bridge Bound?
270 50 is Swiftest.”

280 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin O’Malley
290 Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller
300 Speaker of the House Michael Busch
310 Senate Minority Leader David Brinkley
320 House Minority Leader Anthony J. O’Donnell

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