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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE MARYLAND**
20 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S DELEGATE AND SENATORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
30 **PROGRAMS**

40 **WHEREAS:** In the State of Maryland, Senators and Delegates of the Maryland
50 General Assembly are permitted to award scholarships to students
60 residing in their districts on the basis of financial need and academic
70 merit; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Each of the 47 Senators are permitted to award \$138,000 in scholarship
90 funds per year and each of the 141 Delegates are permitted to award the
100 equivalent of four four-year full-time scholarships during a term in
110 office; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** The total cost of the Senatorial and Delegate scholarship programs are
130 approximately \$11.4 million per year; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Senators and Delegates are given wide discretion in determining an
150 applicant's financial need or academic merit; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Legislative scholarships allow legislators to potentially award
170 scholarships for political purposes; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** Making decisions about scholarships detracts from the time legislators
190 and their staff have to spend on substantive legislative work; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Higher Education Commission would likely be better
210 suited to award scholarships than legislators; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** Senators Allan H. Kittleman and Jim Brochin introduced legislation in
230 the 2007 session to eliminate Senatorial and Delegate scholarships; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** The General Assembly took no action on this legislation.

250 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
260 Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation repealing the Senatorial
270 and Delegate scholarship program; and,

280 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges for an
290 amount of money equal to the cost of the Senatorial and Delegate
300 scholarship programs to be appropriated to the Maryland Higher
310 Education Commission for the purposes of awarding scholarships to
320 Maryland students.

330 **MANDATES:** Martin J. O'Malley, Governor of Maryland
340 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Maryland Senate
350 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates
360 Allan H. Kittleman, Maryland State Senator, District 9
370 Jim Brochin, Maryland State Senator, District 42

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