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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT**
20 **OF HAPPINESS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND**
30 **WHILE AT THE GAS PUMP**

40 **WHEREAS:** In the State of Maryland, customers are permitted to pump their own
50 gas at gas stations; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** This policy has many disadvantages over a full-serve only policy,
70 currently in use in two states – Oregon and New Jersey; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** While theoretically, full-serve is still an option at self-serve gas stations,
90 the practice of self-serve leads to many gas stations having no gas
100 attendants to pump gas for elderly and disabled persons, or persons
110 otherwise unable to pump their own gas; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Full-serve only gas stations will ensure that a gas station is staffed at all
130 times, providing a deterrent to crime; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Full-serve only gas stations will provide jobs for thousands of
150 Marylanders; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Unlike the average citizen, gas attendants receive training to pump gas
170 in a safe and efficient manner; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** ‘Top-off’ spills by customers contribute to environmental damage by
190 polluting the soil and groundwater; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** When New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine proposed allowing some self-
210 serve gas stations in New Jersey, he received thousands of emails and
220 letters against the idea, leading him to withdraw the proposal; and,

230 **WHEREAS:** Despite efforts, the Oregon Legislature was unable to pass legislation in
240 2003 to repeal the full-serve only law; and,

250 **WHEREAS:** Prohibiting self-serve gas stations in Maryland will contribute to the
260 safety and happiness of Maryland citizens.

270 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
280 Maryland General Assembly to pass legislation prohibiting self-serve
290 gas stations in the state of Maryland; and,

300 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
310 Governor to sign such legislation.

320 **MANDATES:** Martin J. O’Malley, Governor of Maryland
330 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland
340 Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates

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