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10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE OFFICIAL FOOD OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND

20 **WHEREAS:** The State of Maryland, by establishing the Maryland Blue Crab as the state
30 crustacean, recognizes the cultural and financial importance of the *Callinectes*
40 *Sapidus*; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The crabcake holds a similarly coveted place in the culture of Maryland; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The crabcake, in addition to its place as the Maryland State Food, deserves its
70 own holiday to celebrate its greatness; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Defender’s Day, September 12, 1814, a holiday which honors the bravery of
90 Marylanders in their contribution to the War of 1812, would serve as the best
100 day to honor the state food of Maryland as well as the many great
110 accomplishments of Marylanders.

120 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
130 General Assembly to pass legislation which establishes the crabcake as the
140 official food of the State of Maryland; and,

150 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said legislation also establishes Defender’s Day as a state
160 holiday in honor of the crabcake.

200 **MANDATES:** Governor Martin J O’Malley
210 Lieutenant Anthony G. Brown
220 Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller
230 House Speaker Michael Busch

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