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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES EMBARGO OF CUBA

WHEREAS: Since 1962 the United States has enforced a economical, commercial, and financial embargo against the nation of Cuba, making it the longest trade embargo of modern times; and,

WHEREAS: The embargo only has resulted in a negative effect for both the United States and Cuba, including losses of United States businesses in excess of $1.2 billion per annum in exports; and,

WHEREAS: After the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, Cuba has been unable to import many goods, causing it's status as a Third World Nation to worsen; and,

WHEREAS: Due to the embargo, many immigrants from Cuba can not return to their homeland to visit family on a regular basis, if at all, due to the effects of the embargo; and,

WHEREAS: The United States does not currently have any similar legislation enacting embargos with other Communist nations such as Vietnam and China; and,

WHEREAS: The United Nations has voted every year since 1991 to condemn the United States embargo on Cuba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States Congress to repeal The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 and the Helms-Burton Act of 1996 in order to end long standing embargo of Cuba, allowing for free trade, open travel, and the open exchange of ideas between the two nations.

MANDATES: Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
John Boehner, House Minority Leader
Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
Byron Dorgan, Chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee

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