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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES EMBARGO OF CUBA**

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

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

80 **WHEREAS:** After the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, Cuba has been
90 unable to import many goods, causing its status as a Third World Nation to
100 worsen; and,

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

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

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

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

230 **MANDATES:** Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
240 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
250 John Boehner, House Minority Leader
260 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
270 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
280 Byron Dorgan, Chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee

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