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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE STATE BIRD OF MARYLAND**

20 **WHEREAS:** Peter Angelos bought the Baltimore Orioles from Eli Jacobs in 1993 for \$173 million; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** Coming into the 2007 season the Orioles will have had nine consecutive sub-500 seasons; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** Throughout his tenure as the coach of the Orioles, Angelos has used a policy of signing older big
50 name free agents to draw more crowds in instead of developing young prospects to put a quality
team on the field for years to come; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The Orioles did not begin to develop minor league prospects until the 2005 season and only then
70 due to the fact that they were unable to sign the big name free agents they desired; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Angelos opposed the Montreal Expos moving to become the Washington Nationals because he
90 did not want to share “fans” with the Nationals which is understood to mean he did not wish to
100 lose the revenue that the Nationals would gain in terms of fans; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Peter Angelos prevented MASN from being available in the Washington area for most of the
120 Nationals first season in DC, keeping many fans from seeing the team unless they went to the
130 stadium.

140 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges, for the good of both the
150 Baltimore Orioles and for the sport of baseball in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area,
160 that Governor Martin O'Malley purchase the Baltimore Orioles under eminent domain; and,

170 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Peter Angelos gives control of the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network jointly to
180 the owners of the Orioles and Washington Nationals.

240 **MANDATES:** Peter Angelos, Owner, Baltimore Orioles
250 Governor Martin O'Malley

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