

**R005-0708**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES OF TIBET AND THE**  
20     **TIBETAN PEOPLE**

30     **WHEREAS:** Tibet was a autonomous area from the 7th until the 20th century; and,

40     **WHEREAS:** The International Commission of Jurists concluded that Tibet during the time  
50     period of 1913 through 1950 demonstrated all the conditions of statehood; and,

60     **WHEREAS:** United Nations Resolution 1723 concluded that China was violating the people of  
70     Tibet's rights to self-determination; and,

80     **WHEREAS:** Tibet fulfills the four internationally accepted criteria of statehood: a permanent  
90     population, a defined territory, government, and capacity to enter into relations with the other  
100    states; and,

110    **WHEREAS:** The Tibetan government-in-exile (formally known as the Central Tibetan  
120    Administration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama) has executive, judicial, and legislative branches;  
130    and,

140    **WHEREAS:** In 2001, the worldwide Tibetan exile community elected Lobsang Tenzin as Prime  
150    Minister (formally known as Kalon Tripa) in the first democratic elections in Tibet's history; and,

160    **WHEREAS:** The United States has a long history of non-recognition of international territorial  
170    changes effected by force, such as the Soviet invasions and subsequent annexation of the Baltic  
180    States, and Japan's seizure of Manchuria; and,

190    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges the the United  
200    States to give de facto recognition to the Central Tibetan Administration of His Holiness the Dalai  
210    Lama as the true sovereign rulers of Tibet.

220    **MANDATES:**   George W. Bush, President of the United States  
230    Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State  
240    Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
250    Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader  
260    John Boehner, House Minority Leader  
270    Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
280    Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader

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