

R006-0708

**10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE TEACHING OF THE CONCEPT OF
20 TERRORISM IN MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

30 **WHEREAS:** The lack of agreement on the definition of Terrorism has created an
40 obstacle to meaningful international countermeasures; where one state's "terrorist" is
50 another state's "freedom fighter."

60 **WHEREAS:** Understanding the concept of terrorism is the first step to combating it.

70 **WHEREAS:** The concept of terrorism is not sought to be justified in its actions but rather
80 understood to prevent a repeated occurrence.

90 **WHEREAS:** Creating an atmosphere of discussion on the concept of terrorism could help lead to
100 a general understanding that could be accepted around the country.

110 **WHEREAS:** Since the events of September 11, 2001, the word terrorism has been thrown around
120 loosely by singling out specific ethnic groups in America and around the world that
130 may have no part in a terrorist organization.

140 **WHEREAS:** Creating an atmosphere of discussion within the public schools in Maryland on the
150 topic of terrorism would be a step in the direction of an understanding of what
160 terrorism is used for, and in relieving an amount of tension of people who have
170 become less trusting of specific ethnic groups in America.

180 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the public high
190 schools in Maryland to require as part of the school curriculum a lesson that
200 discusses the concept of terrorism.

210 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the concept of terrorism be taught under the
220 social science or history curriculum.

230 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the concept of terrorism be taught under the
240 context of one or more of the definitions used by the United States.

250 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor, State of Maryland
260 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President, Maryland State Senate
270 Michael E. Busch, Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
280 Edward J. Kasemeyer, Majority Leader, Maryland State Senate
290 David R. Brinkly, Minority Leader, Maryland State Senate
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