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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ABOLISHMENT OF MINIMUM**
20 **WAGE LAWS**

30 **WHEREAS:** Continuing to raise the minimum wage, even with good
40 intentions, has an unintended, negative outcome: increased
50 unemployment and welfare; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Small businesses create 75% of new jobs annually; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** In order for small businesses to continue to stay in business,
80 they must reduce their workforce, cut hours and lower the wages of
90 other workers due to minimum wage; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** It is estimated that a minimum wage hike to \$7.25 will result in 1.6
110 million people losing their jobs; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Businesses are losing money, therefore, the cost of raising the
130 minimum wages are passed on with raised prices of goods and
140 services, therefore increasing the cost of living and inflation for all;
150 and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Businesses due to minimum wage laws become much more
170 selective about their workforce, they can only afford to hire only
180 the most experienced candidates; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** Unskilled people in need of on-the-job-training, are more likely to
200 be unemployed, and never be given the opportunity to move up the
210 economic ladder; and,

220 **WHEREAS:** Two-thirds of people working for minimum wage have no family or
230 anyone financial dependent upon them; and,

240 **WHEREAS:** Many people cannot get minimum wage jobs and voluntarily work
250 illegally for under this wage, so they do not pay any taxes and will
260 not receive needed social security later on; and,

270 **WHEREAS:** Different counties and cities in Maryland have different cost of
280 living yet Maryland has the same minimum wage throughout; and,

290 **WHEREAS:** Sweden has no minimum wage, but has the best-paid and most
300 protected workers.

310 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
320 urges the State of Maryland to only use the federal wage laws and not impose
330 minimum wage laws in addition to the federal laws.

340 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland
350 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor of Maryland
360 Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate
370 Mike E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates
380 Edward J. Kasemeyer, Senate Majority Leader
390 David R. Brinkley, Senate Minority Leader
400 Kumar P. Barve, House Majority Leader
410 Anthony J. O'Donnell, House Minority Leader

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