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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FISHING LIMITS ON THE CHESAPEAKE**
20 **BAY**

30 **WHEREAS:** The fisheries of the Chesapeake Bay are in dire conditions.

40 **WHEREAS:** Many species of commercial importance to Marylanders have become
50 overfished and are no longer abundant in the Bay.

60 **WHEREAS:** The commercial catch of Atlantic Croaker have declined from 60 million
70 pounds in the 1940s to 2 million pounds in the 1980s.

80 **WHEREAS:** The State of Maryland should take action in protecting the fish population of
90 the Chesapeake Bay in order to ensure the preservation of all species found
100 in the Bay for future generations.

110 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
120 State of Maryland to enact a three year ban on the catch of Atlantic Croaker in order to
130 allow the species to recover its numbers in the Chesapeake Bay.

140 **Mandates:** Martin O'Malley, Governor
150 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor
160 John R. Griffin, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources
170 Maggie McIntosh, Chair, House Environmental Matters Committee
180 Joan Carter Conway, Chair, Senate Educational, Health, and Environmental Cmte.

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