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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DEMOCRATIC CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN

WHEREAS: On November 3, 2007, Pakistan's General and President Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS: The state of emergency meant the suspension of constitutional rights of the people of Pakistan; and,

WHEREAS: The state of emergency stopped all independent media reports in Pakistan; and,

WHEREAS: Justices in Pakistan's Supreme Court were on the verge of ruling on the legality of Musharraf's re-election last month which opposition parties in Pakistan have claimed was improper; and,

WHEREAS: Shortly after all independent media outlets were taken off the air, military and police surrounded the Supreme Court building and the homes of the Supreme Court justices; and,

WHEREAS: Musharraf has declared a state of emergency in Pakistan in an effort to consolidate his waning power in the face of civilian political parties and hard-line Islamists.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges President Bush and the Federal Government to urge President Musharraf to end the state of emergency in Pakistan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The President Musharraf hold free and fair elections in soon as possible in Pakistan.

MANDATES: President George W. Bush
Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
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