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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH FACISIT**
20 **GOVERNMENTS**

30 **WHEREAS:** Between 1936 and 1975 the government of Francisco Franco was
40 responsible for the murders of over 200,000 Spaniards; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** In 1947 Francisco Franco provided for the succession of his
60 government by reinstating the monarchy, which had ceased to exist
70 since 1931; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Based upon this law of succession, upon Franco's death in 1975,
90 Juan Carlos I became King of Spain and the de facto head of state;
100 and,

110 **WHEREAS:** As movements to move beyond Francoism are being promulgated
120 in Spain with the *Ley de Memoria Histórica de España*, the
130 strongest tie to Franco remains in power and is not affected by said
140 law; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Efforts to direct freedom of speech against the Spanish monarch
160 are repeatedly crushed down by the government and punished by
170 jail time.

180 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
190 urges the United States Congress end all diplomatic and trade
200 relations with Spain as punishment for the continuation of the
210 fascist governmental policies of Francisco Franco; and,

220 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
230 urges the United States Congress to not resume relations with
240 Spain until the government has passed the *Ley de Memoria*
250 *Histórica de España* and removed as head of state King Juan
260 Carlos II.

270 **MANDATES:** Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
280 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
290 John Boehner, House Minority Leader
300 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
310 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader

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