

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING BALANCING THE NATIONAL DEBT**

20 **WHEREAS:** As of February 1st, 2008 the current national debt was 9.202 trillion dollars; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** At the time this bill was written (February 1, 2008) the cost stimulus package for
40 the economy was currently around 190 billion dollars; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** When passed from the House of Representatives this same stimulus package was
60 150 billion dollars; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The original figure discussed by Senator Clinton regarding the economic
80 stimulus package was seventy billion dollars; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** The House bill that was finally passed was inflated with riders to twice what its'
100 original amount was supposed to be; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Riders are provisions, often funding, attached to a bill that has little to do with
120 the actual bill and is attached for the purpose of more getting someone who was
130 either opposed or on the fence about a bill to support the bill; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** In 2005 Congress passed the Transport Equity Act which contained over
150 six thousand different earmarks; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** The most notable of these pork barrel projects is the “Bridge to Nowhere”, the
170 Gravina Island Bridge connect Ketchikan Alaska to the Ketchikan International
180 Airport on Gravina Island; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** The bridge would cost 398 billion dollars and connects to an airport that serves
200 two hundred thousand people annually; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** As long as Congress keeps spending money on these pork barrel projects the
220 national debt will continue to grow; and,

230 **WHEREAS:** Both Republicans and Democrats are responsible for this problem, both have
240 spent money excessively, and the problem can only be solved with a bipartisan
250 effort to reign in spending; and,

260 **WHEREAS:** Further tax cuts will take the national debt higher unless they are matched with
270 spending cuts; and,

280 **WHEREAS:** Twenty-five percent of our national debt is owned by foreign countries, we are
290 becoming increasingly dependent on foreign countries in our economy.

300 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United
310 States Congress not to pass any legislation that contains pork barrel spending or
320 riders.

330 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges President
340 Bush to veto any bill that reaches his desk if the piece of legislation contains
350 spending provisions that are not relevant to the bill.

360 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Congress does not pass anymore tax cuts without
370 matching the tax cuts with spending cuts.

380 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That President Bush does not sign any further tax cuts
390 unless Congress matches the tax cuts with spending cuts.

400 **MANDATES:** George W Bush, President
410 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
420 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
430 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
440 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
450 John Boehner, House Minority Leader
460 David Obey, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
470 Robert Byrd, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
480 Senator John McCain

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