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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY

WHEREAS: The “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” policy was created in 1993 by Bill Clinton, who had campaigned that anyone should be allowed to serve in the military regardless of their sexual orientation, and;

WHEREAS: Before the policy was enacted homosexuals in the military was a non-issue, veterans said that they knew that there always had been homosexuals in the military, and;

WHEREAS: If there have always been homosexuals in the military, then the argument for unit cohesion is moot; and,

WHEREAS: Both the US Army and US Marine Corps have reported consistent recruiting shortfalls; and,

WHEREAS: The Army and Marine Corps cannot afford to turn down physically able recruits on the basis of sexual preference in a time of war, and;

WHEREAS: With the continuing War on Terror and the war in Iraq the resources will continue to dwindle putting more of a strain on the soldiers we currently have.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Federal Government to end the US Military's policy of “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” and allow openly homosexual people to serve in the Armed Forces.

MANDATES: President George W. Bush
Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
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