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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY**

20 **WHEREAS:** The “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” policy was created in 1993 by Bill Clinton, who had
30 campaignated that anyone should be allowed to serve in the military regardless of
40 his or her sexual orientation, and;

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

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

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

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

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

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

190 **MANDATES:** President George W. Bush
200 Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense
210 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
220 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
230 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
240 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
250 John Boehner, House Minority Leader

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