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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN INFORMED VOTING POPULOUS

WHEREAS: An alarming number of voters in the United States have called for the abolition of the electoral college because of the misconception that the United States is a direct democracy; and,

WHEREAS: The United States was founded as a representative democracy, the electoral college was created to ensure equal representation for each of the states; and,

WHEREAS: There are two houses of congress, one based on population and one with equal representation for each state regardless of population; and,

WHEREAS: The bicameral legislature is in place due to the fact that we are a representative democracy, therefore the Senate assures that the state with a high population and high representation in the house do not gain too much power over the smaller states; and,

WHEREAS: An alarming number of citizens in this country hold a misconception on the very basis of our system of government; and,

WHEREAS: A voter in our elections should know the way our system of government works and their obligations to the government when they go into vote; and,

WHEREAS: Civics is defined as the study or science of the privileges or citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature urges citizens of the state of Maryland to enroll in a civics class before participating in the next general election.

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