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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MARYLAND STATE FOREST**
20 **SERVICE**

30 **WHEREAS:** The State Forests of Maryland are no longer need to be in the
40 control of the state government.

50 **WHEREAS:** State forestry regulations and private forestry practices demonstrate
60 a sufficient amount of environmental protection from private
70 entities.

80 **WHEREAS:** The timber industry of Maryland makes up the fifth largest industry
90 in the state, producing over \$1 billion in annual revenue to the
100 Maryland economy, and employing approximately 14,500
110 workers.

120 **WHEREAS:** A release of all Maryland State Forests, over 200,000 acres, for the
130 purpose of auctioning to private individuals and private industries, 140
will stimulate the Maryland economy.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
160 urges the state of Maryland to auction all State Forest acreage to
170 private entities.

180 **MANDATES:** Martin O'Malley, Governor
190 Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor
200 John R. Griffin, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources
210 Maggie McIntosh, Chair, House Environmental Matters Committee
220 Joan Carter Conway, Chair, Senate Educational, Health, and
230 Environmental Committee

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