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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LEGACY OF ABRAHAM**
20 **LINCOLN**

30 **WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States of America
40 between 1861 and 1865 is currently featured on the five dollar bill
50 and one cent coin of American currency; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln is widely regarded as one of the greatest
70 presidents for his actions during the American Civil War; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln is widely credited for freeing the slaves with the
90 Emancipation Proclamation; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** In point of fact the Emancipation Proclamation served only to free
110 slaves in the Confederate States of America, and had no impact on
120 slaves in Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, and Missouri; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Abraham Lincoln was also guilty of violating the decisions of the
140 Supreme Court due his actions in the case of Ex Parte Merriman;
150 and,

160 **WHEREAS:** This case concerning Lincoln's suspension of the writ of habeas
170 corpus in the state of Maryland which resulted in the arrest of over
180 18,000 innocent citizens; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** The honor of appearing on United States currency should be
200 reserved for those who protected American ideals in their lives and
210 not those who blatantly violated United States law.

220 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges
230 the United States Congress to remove the likeness of Abraham
240 Lincoln from the five dollar bill and one cent coin; and,

250 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
260 United States Congress to replace the likeness of Abraham Lincoln
270 on the five dollar bill with that of Daniel Webster; and,

280 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
290 United States Congress to replace the likeness of Abraham Lincoln
300 on the one cent coin with that of inventor Thomas Alva Edison.

310 **MANDATES:** George W. Bush, President of the United States
320 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
330 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House

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Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
Henry M. Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury

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