

**R014-0809**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EDUCATION OF MARLAND STUDENTS**

20     **WHEREAS:**         It is vital for students enrolled in public schools to be taught the most accurate  
30                             information that is currently known about any given topic; and,

40     **WHEREAS:**         The theory of evolution is currently the most accurate theory that is possessed  
50                             by scientists regarding the beginning of life on Earth; and,

60     **WHEREAS:**         The theory of evolution has numerous scientific facts to support it; and,

70     **WHEREAS:**         Requiring the teaching evolution in public schools in no way threatens the  
80                             doctrine of separation of church and state; and,

90     **WHEREAS:**         One of the keys to a well-rounded education is exposure to different ideas and  
100                            beliefs; and,

110    **WHEREAS:**         There are many parents and guardians that believe in alternative ways in which  
120                            life on Earth was started; and,

130    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**         That the Maryland Student Legislature urges  
140                            all public schools in Maryland to add an elective course that focuses on  
150                            teaching the numerous theories about how life on Earth began.

160    **MANDATES:**         Martin O'Malley, Governor  
170                            Michael Busch, Speaker of the House  
180                            Kumar Barve, House Majority Leader  
190                            Anthony O'Donnell, House Minority Leader  
200                            Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate  
210                            Edward Kasemeyer, Senate Majority Leader  
220                            David Brinkley, Senate Minority Leader  
230                            Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools

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