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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EDUCATION OF MARYLAND**
20 **STUDENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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