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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GUEST WORKER PROGRAM IN THE UNITED**
20 **STATES**

30 **WHEREAS:** Illegal immigration is a major problem in the United States; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** A major source of illegal immigrants into the United States is through guest workers
50 overstaying on their work visas; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** It is very hard to keep track of guest workers after they receive their visas and enter into
60 the country; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Pew Hispanic center studies show nearly 40% of illegal immigrants got here through
80 overstayed visas; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Most of these guest workers are recruited for their guest worker positions through
100 recruitment agencies dedicated to finding citizens from other countries that want to work
 in the United States; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** These recruitment agencies do not keep track of the guest workers they recruit, and in
120 some cases do not even recruit them themselves, instead finding agencies in other
130 countries to do the work on the ground there for them; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** The guest worker system is rife with abuse and needs to be reformed.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States
160 Congress to pass legislation in which guest workers in the United States in the guest
170 worker programs must have their paychecks, minus a living allowance, be placed into
180 secure accounts that cannot be accessed until authorized upon return to country of origin.

190 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If the guest worker does not return to their country of origin,
200 the United States will reserve the right to absorb the withheld earnings.

210 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If the guest worker does not return to their country of origin,
220 the recruitment agencies that recruited the guest worker must pay a fine to the United
240 States government.

250 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If the recruitment agency is penalized multiple times, they can
 be subject to more serious and increasing fines.

260 **MANDATES:** George W. Bush, President of the United States
270 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House of Representatives
280 Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader of the House of Representatives
290 John Boehner, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
300 Harry Reid, Majority Leader of the United States Senate
310 Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader of the United States Senate
320 Jonathan Scharfen, Acting Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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