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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GUEST WORKER PROGRAM IN THE**
20 **UNITED 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
50 workers overstaying on their work visas; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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