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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONTINUED FINANCIAL STABILITY OF**
20 **THE UNITED STATES**

30 **WHEREAS:** In recent months, the Federal Government has used taxpayer dollars to rescue
40 financial institutions such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the American

50 International Group (AIG); and,

60 **WHEREAS:** These bailouts have cost a total in excess of seven hundred billion dollars, all of
70 which will have to be paid by the taxpayers; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** The current economic situation in the United States is such that, with people
90 already defaulting on mortgages, the people will not be able to afford higher
100 taxes that would be needed to finance more multi billion dollar bailouts; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Many of these companies are in fiscal danger due to mismanagement of funds
120 and making exceedingly risky business transactions that are beginning to
130 backfire; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** The free market is a game of risk and reward; if the companies take risks that
150 backfire, they should suffer the consequences; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** It is a function of the market for the strong and most responsible companies to
170 survive; on the other hand, the weak and irresponsible companies will die and be
180 replaced by newer, more responsible companies.

190 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
200 Federal Reserve, President, and Congress; to refrain from using anymore tax
210 payer funds to fund the bailout or government take over of trouble financial
220 institutions.

230 **MANDATES:**

240 President George W. Bush
250 Senator John McCain
260 Senator Barack Obama
270 Ben Bernanke, Chairman of the Federal Reserve
280 Henry "Hank" Paulson, Secretary of the Treasury
290 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House

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