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10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONTINUED LIBERTY OF THE FORMER**  
20     **SOVIET REPUBLICS**

30     **WHEREAS:** The former Soviet Republics are perpetually at risk of facing an attempted  
40                     reconquest by Russia; and,

50     **WHEREAS:** This continuous threat has manifested itself in the Russian invasion of Georgia,  
60                     over a dispute that has occurred in the Ossetia; and,

70     **WHEREAS:** The dispute that led to the Russian incursion and the eventual invasion, was an  
80                     engagement between the Ossetian militia and the Georgian Military; and,

90     **WHEREAS:** The reason given by the Russian government for the invasion is that 1,600  
100                    Ossetians were killed by rocket attacks from Georgian troops; and,

110    **WHEREAS:** The non-partisan organization, Human Rights Watch, puts the number of  
120                    Ossetians killed by the attacks at forty four; and,

130    **WHEREAS:** The Russian government deliberately inflated the number of Ossetians killed in  
140                    the attacks to justify their growing territorial ambitions in the region; and,

150    **WHEREAS:** This is further evidence of the expansionary ambitions of Russia that continue to  
160                    threaten the fragile stability of the region.

170    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**         That the Maryland Student Legislature urges  
180                    President Bush, or whomever is elected to serve as the next President of the  
190                    United States, to deploy two carrier groups, one to the Black Sea and one off the  
200                    coast of Alaska, if Russia should make another unlawful incursion into another  
210                    former Soviet Republic.

220    **MANDATES:**  
230                    President George W. Bush  
240                    Senator John McCain  
250                    Senator Barack Obama

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