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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **THE UNITED STATES EMBARGO OF CUBA**

30 **WHEREAS:** Since 1962 the United States has enforced a economical,
40 commercial, and financial embargo against the nation of Cuba,
50 making it the longest trade embargo of modern times; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The embargo only has resulted in a negative effect for both the
70 United States and Cuba, including losses of United States
80 businesses in excess of \$1.2 billion per annum in exports; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** After the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War,
100 Cuba has been unable to import many goods, causing it's status as
110 a Third World Nation to worsen; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Due to the embargo, many immigrants from Cuba can not return to
130 their homeland to visit family on a regular basis, if at all, due to the
140 effects of the embargo; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** The United States does not currently have any similar legislation
160 enacting embargos with other Communist nations such as Vietnam
170 and China; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** The United Nations has voted every year since 1991 to condemn
190 the United States embargo on Cuba.

200 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature
210 urges the United States Congress to repeal The Cuban Democracy
220 Act of 1992 and the Helms-Burton Act of 1996 in order to end
230 long standing embargo of Cuba, allowing for free trade and open
240 travel between the two nations.

250 **MANDATES:** Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
260 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
270 John Boehner, House Minority Leader
280 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
290 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
300 Byron Dorgan, Chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee

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