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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE MORALE OF AMERICAN MILITARY**
20 **PERSONNEL**

30 **WHEREAS:** Members of the United States Military put their lives in danger on a daily basis;
40 and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The compensation given to the members of the military is inadequate for the
60 important job they do; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** A small but important pleasure for these men and women is receiving a simple
80 letter from home and responding to it; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Obtaining stamps in a certain parts of the world can be an unnecessary burden
100 to place on the defenders of America's freedoms; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The cost of stamps continues to go up; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** There are frequent grassroots movements to provide stamps for military
130 personnel so they respond to their loved ones; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Communication with home has numerous psychological benefits; and,

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges
160 the United States Congress and the Department of Defense to create
170 and institute a policy providing all American military personnel on
180 active duty three outgoing letters a week exempt from postage.

190 **MANDATES:** Barack Obama, President of the United States
200 Joseph Biden, Vice-President of the United States
210 Robert Gates, United States Secretary of Defense
220 General Norton A. Schwartz, Air Force Chief of Staff
230 General George W. Casey, Jr., Army Chief of Staff
240 Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations
250 General James T. Conway, Marine Corps Commandant
260 Admiral Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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