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10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF**  
20 **AMERICAN FROM ECO TERRORISM**

30 **WHEREAS:** The wildfires that have ravaged Australia in the month of February have killed,  
40 thus far, at least 200 people and caused hundreds of billions of dollars in  
50 damages, which is crippling the already down Australian economy; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** While arson is actually fairly frequent in Australia, the brutal and tragic  
70 efficiency with which the fires have devastated Australia points out how effective  
80 they can be as a weapon; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** This most recent fire has prompted Al Qaeda to call for an “environmental  
100 Jihad”, using a very cheap and low tech way of inflicting mass casualties and  
110 damages, to Australia, and other countries, such as America; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** A fire such as this would be difficult to prevent as anyone could go into a park  
130 such as Yellowstone and set multiple fires, causing massive amounts of  
140 monetary damages and spread into populated areas and inflict mass casualties in  
150 those areas; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda will look for other ways to attack the United  
170 States because we have tightened our airport security so much; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** Al Qaeda will see this as a cheap alternative that also has devastating effects  
190 which could damage this country severely.

200 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United  
210 States Congress and the President search for ways to better secure our National  
220 Parks from terrorist attacks by means of arson.

230 **MANDATES:**

240 President Barack Obama  
250 Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House  
260 Rep. Stenny Hoyer, House Majority Leader  
270 Rep. John Boehner, House Minority Leader  
280 Sen. Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
290 Sen. Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader

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