

R003-0910

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SOUTHERN MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION**

20 **WHEREAS:** The Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge and the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge in
30 Southern Maryland both need replacement; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** These two lane bridges are bottle necks that delay and discourage commerce in Southern
50 Maryland; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** These bridges have no alternative routes, and are vital to growth and commerce in Southern
70 Maryland; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** These bridges are exceeding their designed capacity, which leads to higher than necessary
90 maintenance costs and excessive wear; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** The Nice bridge is almost 70 years old; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Since it was opened 1978, the Thomas Johnson Bridge has closed for several months to repair
120 structural faults; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** These bridges need to be replaced with new, modern, wider bridges capable of handling larger
140 volumes of traffic; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Construction costs could be deferred by a bond sale repaid by tolls on the two bridges.

160 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourages the replacement of both
170 the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge and the Governor Harry Nice Bridge with new toll bridges more than
180 capable of handling projected traffic volumes.

190 **MANDATES:**

200 Governor Martin O'Malley, State of Maryland

210 Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Maryland Department of Transportation

220 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House

230 Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, President of the Senate

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