

**R006-0910**

10     **A RESOLUION CONCERNING THE HOWARD STREET TUNNEL**

20     **WHEREAS:** The Howard Street Tunnel has carried freight traffic through the middle of  
30     Baltimore since 1895; and,

40     **WHEREAS:** This tunnel is not capable of handling the larger inter modal freight cars that are coming in to use;  
50     and,

60     **WHEREAS:** This problem is preventing the flow of freight traffic through Baltimore City; and,

70     **WHEREAS:** Limits on shipping availability hurt businesses and discourage economic growth in Baltimore;  
80     and,

90     **WHEREAS:** Replacing the Howard Street Tunnel with a new, large freight route through Baltimore would  
100    encourage economic growth in Baltimore, and bring an influx of businesses and jobs; and,

110    **WHEREAS:** The replaced Howard Street Tunnel would be available to other uses, such as expanding mass  
120    transit services.

130    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourages  
140    the start of a study into replacing the Howard Street Tunnel with a new, large freight route through Baltimore.

150    **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this replacement route should be a cooperative effort  
160    between the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, the federal government, and CSX.

170    **MANDATES:**

180    Governor Martin O'Malley, State of Maryland

190    Mayor Shela Dixon, City of Baltimore

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

210    Secretary Ray LaHood, United States Department of Transportation

220    Michael J. Ward, Chairman, President, and CEO, CSX Corporation

230    Representative Steny Hoyer, United States Congress

240    Representative Frank Kratovil, United States Congress

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