

R018-0910

10 **A Resolution Concerning**
20 **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

30 **WHEREAS:** The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** Bellamy’s Pledge originally read,, “I Pledge Allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for
50 which it stands, one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all;” and,

60 **WHEREAS:** The United States Congress officially recognized the Pledge in 1942; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The Pledge initially did not have the words “under God;” and,

80 **WHEREAS:** The words “under God” were officially incorporated into the Pledge in 1954, led by the
90 efforts of Louis A. Bowman, a Chaplain of the Illinois Society of the sons of the American Revolution;
100 and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The Pledge is predominantly sworn by children in public schools in accordance with state
120 laws requiring the Pledge to be offered; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The statement of “Under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance is a direct violation of the
140 separation of church and state.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United States
160 Congress to return the Pledge of Allegiance to its original words written by Bellamy in 1892.

170 **MANDATES:**

- 180 President Barack Obama
190 Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
200 Senator Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader
210 Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader
220 Rep. Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
230 Rep. John Boehner, House Minority Leader

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