

R034 – 0910

10 A Resolution Concerning:

20 **THE SELF ESTEEM OF CHILDREN IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

30 **WHEREAS:** Some parents give their children names which are either derogatory in
40 nature or show a profound lack of care from the parents; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** The use of these names by the parents or others could have a profoundly
60 negative effect on the child's development; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The use of these negative names and the resulting psychological problems
80 would cost the State money to assist in the treatment of the aforementioned
90 persons; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** If the presiding worker at the time of the child's naming could say that the
110 name was unacceptable these problems could be avoided.

120 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges to the
130 Maryland General Assembly to pass and the Governor to sign legislation
140 which would allow social workers to reject and ask for a more
150 suitable name if the original chose name is unsuitable under the criteria set
160 out above.

170 **MANDATES:**

180 Martin O'Malley, Governor

190 Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor

200 Thomas V. Miller, President of the Senate

210 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House

SPONSOR:

Paul R. Schuman

Lieutenant Governor

Chairman, Ways and Means Committee

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