

R035-0910

10 A Resolution Concerning:

20 **THE FUTURE OF THE FIRST MARINER ARENA**

30 **WHEREAS:** The First Mariner Arena is an antiquated venue with outdated equipment and  
40 limited seating compared to venues such as the Verizon Center in Washington,  
50 DC; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Performance Artists are highly unlikely to perform in the First Mariner Arena  
70 when they can attract a crowd three times larger to a venue which is less than  
80 fifty miles away; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Baltimore City could take in more money in taxes, while local businesses would  
100 also be given a boost if a more attractive venue were to replace the First Mariner  
110 Arena; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** The building of a new venue would also facilitate a temporary growth in jobs in a  
130 time where unemployment is at highs the country has not seen since the great  
140 depression; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Jobs would also be increased in the long term in the service industry in terms of  
160 the jobs created in the new venue as well as the increased business which would  
170 receive a boost from the increased patronage at the new venue.

180 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the State of  
190 Maryland and the City of Baltimore to have the First Mariner Arena torn down  
200 and replaced with a more advanced and space efficient design.

210 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the  
220 construction of the new arena to be funded by a partnership in which the State  
230 enters into an agreement with a corporation to fund part of the cost of the venue  
240 in exchange for the naming rights to the new venue.

250 **MANDATES:**

260 Martin O'Malley, Governor  
270 Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor  
280 Thomas V. Miller, President of the Senate  
290 Michael Busch, Speaker of the House  
300 Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor of Baltimore City

**SPONSOR:**

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