

10 A Resolution Concerning:  
20 **EQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

30 **WHEREAS:** Affirmative Action policies in the United States are anti-American in nature and  
40 are a form of reverse discrimination; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** By putting all applicants for a particular institution on the same level playing  
60 field, the inherent potential of each individual can be seen and each person can be  
70 accepted or rejected based on their merit; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** By putting people who have been discriminated against in the past on a higher  
90 playing field, we diminish the intrinsic value of these people by assuming that  
100 they cannot achieve their goals on their own merit; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** Studies of affirmative action have shown that by putting people in a position that  
120 is above their abilities based on their ethnic heritage, these people are in fact set  
130 up for failure because their expectations are now higher than their ability,  
140 resulting in them being worse off than they would have been had they been in a  
150 position which matched their abilities; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Affirmative Action is an anti-American institution because Affirmative Action, in  
170 attempting to undo the results of past discrimination, employs tactics which  
180 themselves are discriminatory and contrary to the spirit of the policies.

190 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the United  
200 States Congress to pass, and the individual States to ratify, a Constitutional  
210 Amendment which would declare all Affirmative Action policies discriminatory  
220 and unconstitutional.

230 **MANDATES:**  
240 President Barack Obama  
250 Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House  
260 Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
270 Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader  
280 Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader  
290 John Boehner, House Minority Leader

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