

10 **A Resolution Concerning**
20 **THE RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ABKHAZIA AND SOUTH OSSETIA**

30 **WHEREAS:** During the summer of 2008, Georgia launched a large-scale military invasion on the
40 disputed territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** During this military campaign, the Georgian military repeatedly violated the rights of the
60 citizens of these regions and was found to have bombed civilian locations; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** As a result of a pre-existing agreement, the Russian Federation aided in the defense of
80 South Ossetia and Abkhazia; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** In the aftermath of the conflict, South Ossetia and Abkhazia have been recognized as
100 independent republics by Venezuela, Nauru, Nicaragua, and the Russian Federation; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The United States, as the most powerful nation in the world, has often been at the
120 forefront of recognizing the independence of newly formed nations, such as the Republic
130 of Kosovo in February, 2008.

140 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislatures urges the United States
150 government to recognize the independence of the Republics of South Ossetia and
160 Abkhazia and immediately establish diplomatic relations with the newly formed nations.

170 **MANDATES:**
180 Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State

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