

R104-0910

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING

20 **INVASIVE SPECIES-NEED FOR AN ERADICATION OF KUDZU**

30 **WHEREAS:** For the purpose of ridding the state of Maryland of the invasive species *Pueraria*
40 *Montana*, common name Kudzu, which is growing more common in the Southeast United States;
and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Kudzu has been proven to damage crops, with average estimates reaching \$500 million
60 dollars annually as well as effects local plants and infrastructure in a given area where it grows out
70 of control.

80 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Maryland Student Legislature shall encourage the removal and
control of Kudzu 90 within the state of Maryland through various methods including but not limited to
crown removal, 100 grazing, controlled firing, and fungal herbicide.

110 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland State Government begin a program to aid in the
120 eradication of kuduzu in Maryland

110 **MANDATES:**

120 Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar

130 Maryland State Senator Joan Carter Conway, Chair of the Education, Health, and Environment
140 Committee

150 Maryland State Senator Roy Dyson, Vice Chair of the Education, Health, and Environment
160 Committee

170 Shari T. Wilson, Maryland Secretary of the Environment

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