

HOUSE RESOLUTION

By: [insert name here, school and school email]

Assigned to: [committee name here, will be filled in by AG]

A RESOLUTION
concerning
[Short Title]

FOR the purpose of expressing the sense of the Maryland Student Legislature regarding [insert purpose — e.g., honoring an individual/group, encouraging specific policy action, acknowledging a matter of importance, etc.].

WHEREAS, [insert first clause laying out the rationale or background for the resolution]; and

WHEREAS, [insert second clause, building on the context or significance]; and

WHEREAS, [add additional "WHEREAS" clauses as needed to establish the justification and motivation]; now, therefore, be it

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE
That [Insert main resolution clause here.]

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That [insert additional statement if applicable — e.g., instructions to transmit copies to relevant individuals or agencies].

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That [insert the severance or other optional clauses here if needed].

Notes/Tips for Writing Resolutions:

- Use “WHEREAS” clauses to build background and justification. These are factual or value-based assertions that logically lead to the “RESOLVED” action.
- Don’t legislate: Resolutions don’t amend code or change laws. Use them to express opinion, intent, or recognition.
- Avoid enforcement language. Use phrases like “encourages,” “supports,” “commemorates,” “calls upon,” or “recognizes.”
- Consider structure: Use no more than 3–6 WHEREAS clauses and keep RESOLVED clauses clear and concise. Each clause should contain only a single idea.