

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 THE CONDEMNATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

30 WHEREAS: In 1998, under the Rome Statute, the International Criminal Court (ICC) was
40 created at a United Nations special conference; and,

50 WHEREAS: As defined by the Rome Statute, the ICC has jurisdiction over “serious crimes of
60 concern to the international community” if they are committed after July 1,
70 2002; and,

80 WHEREAS: This jurisdiction extends to citizens of countries that accept the Rome Statute
90 and/or citizens of any nationality who are found on soil belonging to a country
100 that has ratified the law; and,

110 WHEREAS: Therefore, a citizen may be arrested even though his/her government did not
120 sign the statute; and,

130 WHEREAS: This idea undermines the sovereignty and legitimacy of governments because
140 the nation-states naturally have the primary right to try their citizens, and by
150 intervention of the ICC, no longer represent the consent of the governed ; and,

160 WHEREAS: The Rome Statute does not protect individuals against political partiality and/or
170 unfairness, and provides no clause for the protection of military personnel sent
180 abroad; and,

190 WHEREAS: American citizens have never voted to accept or approve the International
200 Criminal Court; and,

210 WHEREAS: Under the Rome Statute, peoples of the United States who have been tried and
220 found innocent of a crime in the U.S. judicial system may be tried again under
230 the jurisdiction of the ICC; and,

240 WHEREAS: The Constitution of the United States and the democratic institutions of this
250 country have defined the role of the American judge, the proceedings of the
260 legal system, and the right to incarcerate her citizens, while, in contrast, the ICC
270 does not function on these guidelines and consequently does not have the right
280 to deny U.S. citizens their liberty.

290 THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature commend
300 President Bush for his strong stand against the International Criminal Court;

310 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature additionally commend
320 President Bill Clinton for his preservation of the freedom of Americans by
330 refusing to submit the signed statute, legalizing the ICC, to the Senate; and,

340 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Maryland Student Legislature recommends that any
350 further action be taken to prevent the acceptance and approval of the ICC in the
360 United States.

370 MANDATES: President George W. Bush
380 Vice President Dick Cheney
390 Attorney General John Ashcroft

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U.S. to the United Nations

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