

R004-0405

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING**
20 **REFORMATION OF LAWS REGARDING THE RIGHT TO CARRY FIREARMS**

30 **WHEREAS:** In 1993, the federal Congress passed a modification to U.S. Code Title 18
40 Section 922; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** This bill prohibits those under eighteen years of age from owning a firearm of
60 any type; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** Thomas Marvell of Justec Research has found that there is no significant
80 decrease in homicides or suicides due to banning juvenile handgun possession;
90 and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Mr. Marvell and his firm are nonpartisan, scholarly, and thorough and have
110 found evidence supporting all sides of the gun rights debate; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** In fact, after the federal government passed the aforementioned law, homicides
130 in the United States actually increased; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Firearms can be an important means of self- defense; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Firearms can be used recreationally for target shooting or for hunting purposes.

160 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the
170 federal government to reconsider its ban on juvenile firearms possession.

180 **Mandates:** President George W. Bush
190 Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert
200 Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist

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