

**R039-0405**

**10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING VALUES EDUCATION**

20 **WHEREAS:** Values within our country currently do not hold the precedence  
30 a strong society requires to function; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** Such low levels of values stems partly from the apparent unwillingness  
50 of our society to be perceived as pushing religion onto others; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** Many people incorrectly perceive values education as an extension  
70 of religion; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Values education would entail a limited scope which would include a few  
90 core values to be taught to our nations youth; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Such values education would be secular in nature and would  
110 be taught strictly as a code of behavior rather than a moral or religious  
120 Doctrine; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Our society lacks an outlet for instilling social and community oriented behavior in  
140 its youth; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** Such behaviors and values are necessary for directing youth towards functioning  
160 adaptively in society; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** A set of values and virtues can be seen as traditionally prized in Western culture  
180 regardless of religion; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** Such values could include courage, resolve, dignity, strength, honesty, and other such  
200 universally prized human virtues; and,

210 **WHEREAS:** The elementary and/or middle public school system could be the  
220 outlet of this values education.

230 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges  
240 the Maryland General Assembly to investigate the possibility of  
250 installing values education within the elementary and middle public school  
260 systems within the State of Maryland; and,

270 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature further urges  
280 the Maryland General Assembly to investigate the benefits of values education  
290 and how it will positively influence our State's youth.

**300 MANDATES:**

310 Governor Ehrlich  
320 Lt. Governor Steele  
330 Senator Miller  
340 Delegate Busch  
350 Mayor Martin O'Malley

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