

SENATE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 2

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1 A Senate Simple Resolution concerning

2 **Trayvon Martin – Call for Investigation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the Senate of Maryland joins with the President
4 of the United States in calling for a full and fair investigation into the
5 circumstances surrounding the death of Trayvon Martin.

6 WHEREAS, On February 26, 2012, Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old
7 African American youth, was returning to his family's home in Florida from a visit to a
8 store to purchase candy and iced tea; and

9 WHEREAS, George Zimmerman, an unofficial "neighborhood watch captain" in
10 the Florida gated community, who was observing Trayvon Martin from his
11 sport-utility vehicle, called the police to report Trayvon Martin's "suspicious"
12 behavior, which he described as "just walking around looking about"; and

13 WHEREAS, Zimmerman was told by the police dispatcher that officers were on
14 the way and not to pursue the youth; and

15 WHEREAS, When police arrived, Trayvon was found face down with a fatal
16 bullet wound in the chest; and

17 WHEREAS, Zimmerman was armed with a 9-millimeter handgun and
18 admitted doing the shooting; and

19 WHEREAS, Trayvon was unarmed at the time of the shooting but, despite this,
20 Zimmerman claimed to have acted in "self-defense"; and

21 WHEREAS, Zimmerman was taken into custody, questioned, and released, but
22 no arrest was made at that time or at any time since the killing of Trayvon; and



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1 WHEREAS, Since this episode has come to light, thousands of American
2 citizens, including many Marylanders, have demanded that a full investigation be
3 made of the killing of Trayvon Martin in the interests of justice; and

4 WHEREAS, The President of the United States, on March 23, 2012, declared
5 that it is “absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this and that
6 everybody pulls together, federal, state and local to figure out exactly how this tragedy
7 happened...”; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the
9 Senate of Maryland joins President Obama in the call for a full and fair investigation
10 into the circumstances of the death of Trayvon Martin; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
12 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O’Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
13 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
14 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.