

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Establishment of a Presidential Youth Council**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the President of the United States to establish a certain
4 Presidential Youth Council; providing that a copy of this resolution be sent by
5 the Department of Legislative Services to certain individuals; and generally
6 relating to the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council.

7 WHEREAS, Our nation faces serious challenges in the near future that could
8 significantly impact the lives of young Americans for decades to come; and

9 WHEREAS, The majority of 18- to 29-year-old Americans do not believe that
10 they have a voice in their government; and

11 WHEREAS, The unique perspectives and insights of these young people are
12 vital to the future success of our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, The Millennial Generation is the generation that is most likely to
14 be involved in service to their communities but least likely to be civically engaged; and

15 WHEREAS, Bridging this gap in interest is a necessity; and

16 WHEREAS, A Presidential Youth Council could help young Americans believe
17 their voices are being heard; and

18 WHEREAS, A Presidential Youth Council could provide the 104 million
19 Americans under the age of 24 with a substantive say in governmental policies that
20 affect them; and

21 WHEREAS, This council, representing the diversity of Americans, could serve
22 as a sounding board for federal agencies' youth-related initiatives, making the federal
23 government more efficient and effective; and



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1 WHEREAS, Governors, state legislatures, mayors, and city councils have
2 created youth councils that have proven to be an effective means of garnering input
3 from young people leading to more effective and efficient policies; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
5 General Assembly urges the President of the United States to establish a Presidential
6 Youth Council to advise the President and the President's administration on the
7 perspectives of young people, to make public policy-related youth programs more
8 efficient and effective, and to address issues that will affect the long-term future of
9 the United States; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
11 Legislative Services to President Barack Obama, The White House, 1600
12 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500; and the Maryland Congressional
13 Delegation: Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, Senate Office
14 Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A.
15 Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P. Sarbanes, Donna Edwards, Steny Hamilton Hoyer,
16 John K. Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office
17 Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.