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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Federal Title 5 Rights for Transportation Security Administration Workers**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the U.S. Congress to extend federal Title 5 rights to
4 Transportation Security Administration workers; and generally relating to the
5 rights for Transportation Security Administration workers.

6 WHEREAS, On November 19, 2001, the U.S. Congress passed and President George
7 W. Bush signed the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to enhance the level of
8 security screening throughout the nation’s aviation system and transfer responsibility for
9 airline passenger screening from the private sector to a new federal agency, the
10 Transportation Security Administration (TSA); and

11 WHEREAS, TSA is an integral component of the security framework and is
12 responsible for screening more than 738 million airline passengers annually; and

13 WHEREAS, In Maryland, TSA workers at the Baltimore/Washington International
14 Thurgood Marshall Airport, one of the busiest airports in the country, serve over 25 million
15 airline passengers annually; and

16 WHEREAS, The transportation security officer workforce is denied the same rights
17 under Title 5 of the United States Code as other federal workers, including the right to
18 present grievances to a neutral third party, fair pay under the General Services wage
19 system, including access to overtime pay and earned leave, application of the federal Fair
20 Labor Standards Act of 1938, fair performance appraisals under Chapter 73 of Title 5 of
21 the United States Code, and direct protections against employment discrimination found
22 in Title 7 of the United States Code; and

23 WHEREAS, Transportation security officers put their safety on the line to protect
24 the flying public and deserve more rights and protections in the workplace; now, therefore,
25 be it



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1 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General
2 Assembly of Maryland urges the U.S. Congress to apply the personnel system of Title 5 of
3 the United States Code to Transportation Security Administration workers; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
6 Legislative Services to:

7 (1) the Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States,
8 President of the United States Senate, Suite S-212, United States Capitol Building,
9 Washington, D.C. 20510; the Honorable Orrin Hatch, President Pro Tempore of the United
10 States Senate, 104 Hart Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and the Honorable Paul
11 D. Ryan, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, 1233 Longworth House
12 Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and

13 (2) the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Benjamin L. Cardin
14 and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and
15 Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, John P. Sarbanes,
16 Anthony G. Brown, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John K. Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and
17 Jamie B. Raskin, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.