

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Cloning of Humans**

3 FOR the purpose of expressing the intent of the General Assembly of Maryland to ban
4 State funding of cloning and cloning research that would replicate a human being.

5 WHEREAS, Scottish scientist Ian Wilmut has generated both awe and angst with
6 his successful cloning of a mammal; and

7 WHEREAS, The principles of industrial production and design, such as quality
8 control, predictability, profitability, and efficiency, should never be allowed to apply to
9 the production of humans; and

10 WHEREAS, Social, ethical, and moral values should not be sacrificed in favor of
11 the dubious potential benefits of scientific experimentation in human cloning; and

12 WHEREAS, Cloning would tend to devalue human life or dehumanize mankind;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In a recently published poll, 90% of respondents favored prohibiting
15 cloning by law; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That it is the
17 intent of the General Assembly of Maryland to ban State funding of cloning and cloning
18 research that would replicate a human being; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
20 Legislative Reference to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the
21 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
22 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.