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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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
5 being.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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