

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

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By: **Senator McFadden**

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Crown Central Petroleum Lockout**

3 FOR the purpose of urging Crown Central Petroleum to end its lockout and reach a
4 fair and equitable labor agreement with the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers
5 Union, AFL-CIO.

6 WHEREAS, Crown Central Petroleum locked out 250 members of the Oil,
7 Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, AFL-CIO, at its Pasadena, Texas refinery on
8 February 5, 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, Efforts to settle the dispute have not progressed, prompting the
10 national, State, and local AFL-CIO to place Crown gasoline on the official "Do Not
11 Buy" list; and

12 WHEREAS, An economic boycott against Crown, a Fortune 500 company located
13 in Baltimore, Maryland could have detrimental effects on the company, its employees,
14 and subcontractors; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of Maryland to both promote business
16 and work with organized labor; and

17 WHEREAS, Eight African American and female employees have filed a class
18 action suit alleging discrimination in promotions, and the creation of a hostile
19 working environment by Baltimore-based Crown; and

20 WHEREAS, Environmentalists and citizens have filed lawsuits alleging
21 numerous violations of the Clean Air Act by Crown; and

22 WHEREAS, The City Council of Baltimore, the National Black Caucus of State
23 Legislators, and the Maryland Council of the AFL-CIO have resolved that Crown
24 Central Petroleum end the lockout and reach a fair and equitable agreement with the
25 Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, AFL-CIO; now, therefore, be it

26 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the
27 General Assembly calls upon Crown to end the lockout and reach a fair and equitable
28 agreement with the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, AFL-CIO; and be it
29 further

1 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly calls upon Crown to meet and resolve
2 the disputes involving discrimination and environmental claims against the company;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
5 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
6 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
7 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and to Crown
8 Central Petroleum and to the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, AFL-CIO.