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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland Kid Congress**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the creation of a statewide Maryland Kid Congress to
4 provide children and young adults with a realistic forum for expressing political
5 opinions; and encouraging participation in the political process of the State.

6 WHEREAS, A Maryland Kid Congress would establish an interactive forum in
7 which a realistic learning-by-doing process of exploring governments could take
8 place for children and young adults in this State; and

9 WHEREAS, A Maryland Kid Congress would provide a forum in which
10 participants could learn about government by becoming a mock or virtual
11 government; and

12 WHEREAS, Experience indicates that most people develop their political
13 thinking by borrowing ideas from respected friends, teachers, and parents; and

14 WHEREAS, A Maryland Kid Congress would enable participants to challenge
15 their own political belief systems and develop their own convictions about the role of
16 government; and

17 WHEREAS, Even if a child or young adult is not interested in ever running for
18 political office, that person will be interested in the laws which are passed that affect
19 his or her life and the lives of others; and

20 WHEREAS, An important step in understanding our system of government is to
21 understand our process of making laws; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the**
23 **Maryland General Assembly encourages participation in the political process of this**
24 **State; and be it further**

25 **RESOLVED, That the Maryland General Assembly supports the idea of creating**
26 **a Maryland Kid Congress to provide a realistic forum for the expression of ideas and**
27 **values for children and young adults; and be it further**

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