

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

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By: **Senators Harris and Blount**

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **American Patriotism in Maryland Schools**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the boards of education in the State of Maryland to
4 introduce instruction to encourage patriotism by including curriculum on or
5 before Veterans' Day and Memorial Day regarding the sacrifices made by
6 veterans in serving our country and protecting democratic values worldwide,
7 and to encourage the inclusion of local veterans and veterans' groups in this
8 instruction when practicable.

9 WHEREAS, The services provided to this country by veterans who have served
10 on active duty in the military are deserving of special recognition among our school
11 children; and

12 WHEREAS, Several generations of relative peace and prosperity in the nation
13 have over time dulled the recognition of the extraordinary sacrifices of those heroes
14 who served in uniform; and

15 WHEREAS, Children in the United States have been blessed, due to the valor of
16 American service men and women, never to have known firsthand the pain and
17 suffering endured by those in military service who have protected the United States
18 from its adversaries in the past; and

19 WHEREAS, The population of veterans, especially those who fought during
20 World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts, is aging and students in
21 Maryland schools may, therefore, not have had the opportunity to know or come in
22 contact with those in our society who served; now, therefore, be it

23 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the local
24 boards of education throughout Maryland are respectfully urged to develop and
25 institute a curriculum on or before Veterans' Day or Memorial Day designed to instill
26 a sense of patriotism and an awareness of the great sacrifices made by veterans of the
27 United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard to preserve and
28 promote liberty and democratic values worldwide; and be it further

29 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
30 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;

- 1 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 2 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.