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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

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## General Assembly - Middle and High School - Visits by Legislators

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the members of the Maryland General Assembly to

4 visit certain middle schools and high schools in their respective jurisdictions

5 during a certain time for certain purposes; and generally relating to visits by

6 State legislators to middle and high schools.

7 WHEREAS, The tragedies of September 11, 2001 underscore the necessity of 8 reclaiming our democratic heritage as American citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, We, as legislators, are part of the democratic heritage we wish to 10 protect and enhance; and

11 WHEREAS, It is our duty as government leaders to encourage our next

12 generation to actively participate in the democratic process through voting; now,13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That each

15 member of the General Assembly is requested, during the weeks of April 9 through 27

16 of each year, to visit the middle schools and high schools in their respective

17 jurisdictions to inform and enhance the students' understanding of government and

18 citizenship and their attendant responsibilities and rights; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of

20 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;

21 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and

22 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.