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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **General Assembly - Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of rejecting certain items included in the Resolution of the General
4 Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 11, 2002 that address the
5 levels of compensation for members of the General Assembly and the levels of
6 compensation for the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate;
7 setting the levels of compensation for members of the General Assembly and the
8 Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate; and generally relating to
9 the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated
10 January 11, 2002.

11 WHEREAS, Salaries for members of the General Assembly for the term
12 commencing January 8, 2003 must be determined at the 2002 legislative session; and

13 WHEREAS, Salaries of members of the General Assembly increased by 3% in
14 the first and third years of the current term; and

15 WHEREAS, The Consumer Price Index has increased by 37.8% since 1990 and
16 salaries of members of the General Assembly have increased by only 26.0% for the
17 same period; and

18 WHEREAS, This represents legislative salaries lagging inflation by 11.7%; and

19 WHEREAS, Inflation is estimated to increase by 9.8% over the next term of
20 office; and

21 WHEREAS, The General Assembly Compensation Commission has
22 recommended increases in legislative salaries over the next term that increase faster
23 than the estimated rate of inflation; and

24 WHEREAS, The General Assembly Compensation Commission has
25 recommended a \$13,000 salary differential between a member's salary and each
26 presiding officer's salary; now, therefore, be it

27 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That in
28 accordance with the authority granted under Article III, § 15 of the Maryland
29 Constitution, the General Assembly rejects the recommendations for changes in

1 compensation submitted in the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation
2 Commission dated January 11, 2002; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That Items 1A and 1B of the Resolution of the General Assembly
4 Compensation Commission dated January 11, 2002 shall be void; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the salaries for the members of the General Assembly be as
6 follows:

7 During calendar year 2003, \$35,200;

8 During calendar year 2004, \$36,100;

9 During calendar year 2005, \$37,000; and

10 During calendar year 2006, \$37,800; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the salaries for the Speaker of the House and the President of
12 the Senate be as follows:

13 During calendar year 2003, \$48,000;

14 During calendar year 2004, \$49,100;

15 During calendar year 2005, \$50,000;

16 During calendar year 2006, \$50,800; and be it further

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