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By: **Senator Harris**
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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, Until the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade
13 Center and the Pentagon, several generations of relative peace and prosperity in the
14 nation dulled the recognition of the extraordinary sacrifices of those heroes who
15 served in uniform; and

16 WHEREAS, The military response of the United States to that cowardly attack
17 on innocent countrymen has, yet again, placed the service men and women of the
18 armed services in harm's way defending our nation, its citizens, and our ideals; and

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

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

27 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,** That the local
28 boards of education throughout Maryland are respectfully urged to develop and
29 institute a curriculum on or before Veterans' Day or Memorial Day designed to instill
30 a sense of patriotism and an awareness of the great sacrifices made by veterans of the

1 United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard,
2 and Maryland National Guard to preserve and promote liberty and democratic values
3 worldwide; 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; and
7 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.