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By: **Senators Mooney, Brinkley, Colburn, Greenip, Hafer, Haines, Harris,  
Hooper, Jacobs, Kittleman, Munson, Pipkin, Schrader, and Stoltzfus**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Nomination of Samuel A. Alito, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the members of the Maryland delegation in the United  
4 States Senate to work for a prompt up-or-down vote on the nomination of  
5 Samuel A. Alito, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court.

6 WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states, in  
7 relevant part, that the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and  
8 Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and  
9 Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States";  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Activist judges on some federal courts have frustrated our  
12 constitutional structure, which prescribes that laws shall be written by elected  
13 legislatures; and

14 WHEREAS, On July 1, 2005, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her  
15 retirement from the United States Supreme Court; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 31, 2005, President George W. Bush nominated Samuel  
17 A. Alito, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court; and

18 WHEREAS, In the past, a minority of members of the United States Senate  
19 have used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on several of President Bush's  
20 judicial nominees, all of whom were reported out favorably by the Senate Committee  
21 on the Judiciary; now, therefore, be it

22 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND**, That the  
23 General Assembly requests that the Maryland delegation in the United States Senate  
24 work to help secure a prompt up-or-down vote on the nomination of Samuel A. Alito,  
25 Jr., to the United States Supreme Court; and be it further

26 **RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of  
27 Legislative Services to the Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes, 309 Hart Senate Office  
28 Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, and the Honorable Barbara Mikulski, 503 Hart  
29 Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

