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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **State Spending of Federal Economic Recovery Funds**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the State of Maryland to spend any economic recovery plan
4 funds granted by the federal government to the State on products made in the
5 United States or services performed in the United States.

6 WHEREAS, The economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday
7 Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult
8 environment; and

9 WHEREAS, President Obama and the United States Congress are planning a
10 taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to
11 help economically devastated cities and states provide jobs immediately to millions of
12 out-of-work Americans through infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and
13 other projects that will require manufactured components and the provision of
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, Our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of
16 American jobs and to restore the economic vitality of our communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Any domestically produced products that are purchased with
18 economic recovery plan funds will provide immediate assistance to struggling
19 American families and will help stabilize the economies of our nation and State; and

20 WHEREAS, Any economic recovery plan spending should, to the extent
21 possible, include as objectives the expenditure of economic recovery plan funds to buy
22 materials and goods produced in the United States and services performed in the
23 United States, and the employment of the workers who paid the taxes that funded the
24 economic recovery plan in the first place; now, therefore, be it

25 **RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the**
26 **General Assembly urges the State of Maryland to spend federal economic recovery**



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1 funds whenever possible on products made in the United States or services performed
2 in the United States; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
4 Legislative Services to the Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor of Maryland; the
5 Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the
6 Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.