

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

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By: **Delegate Hixson**

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Establishment of a Presidential Youth Council**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council and
4 urging the President of the United States to establish a Presidential Youth Council
5 to advise the President of the United States and the administration on certain
6 matters; providing that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Department of
7 Legislative Services to certain individuals; and generally relating to the
8 establishment of a Presidential Youth Council.

9 WHEREAS, The unique perspectives and insights of young people, especially young
10 people who have previously participated in a public policy–related program, outreach
11 initiative, internship, or fellowship opportunity, are essential to ensure that investments
12 made by the federal government in youth services are effective and efficient; and

13 WHEREAS, Existing outreach and engagement mechanisms of the federal
14 government are designed in ways that inhibit the participation and lead to the
15 underrepresentation of young people in the policymaking process; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2008, Maryland established the Maryland Youth Advisory Council
17 with duties that included informing the Governor and General Assembly of issues
18 concerning youth, participating in local youth activities or organizations, and advising local
19 officials and community leaders on youth issues; and

20 WHEREAS, Governors, other state legislatures, mayors and city councils, and
21 numerous members of the U.S. Congress have created youth councils that have proven to
22 be an effective means of receiving input from young people, which leads to more effective
23 and efficient policies; and

24 WHEREAS, The 114th Congress of the United States has considered House Joint
25 Resolution 47 and Senate Resolution 580, which supported the establishment of a
26 Presidential Youth Council that would advise the President of the United States and the
27 administration on the perspectives of young people, provide recommendations to make



public policy–related youth programs more efficient and effective, and address issues that will affect the long–term future of the United States; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 47 and Senate Resolution 580 recommended that the council be composed of 24 young people chosen by a combination of the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the Senate of the United States, the Minority Leader of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives of the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly supports the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council and urges the President of the United States to establish a Presidential Youth Council to advise the President and the administration on the perspectives of young people, provide recommendations to make public policy–related youth programs more efficient and effective, and address issues that will affect the long–term future of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to President Donald J. Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500; and the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Benjamin L. Cardin and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, John P. Sarbanes, Anthony G. Brown, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John K. Delaney, Elijah E. Cummings, and Jamie Raskin, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.