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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

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Establishment of a Presidential Youth Council

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

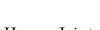
9 WHEREAS, The unique perspectives and insights of young people, especially young 10 people who have previously participated in a public policy–related program, outreach 11 initiative, internship, or fellowship opportunity, are essential to ensure that investments 12 made by the federal government in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

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

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



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1 public policy-related youth programs more efficient and effective, and address issues that 2 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

9 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General 10 Assembly supports the establishment of a Presidential Youth Council and urges the 11 President of the United States to establish a Presidential Youth Council to advise the 12 President and the administration on the perspectives of young people, provide 13 recommendations to make public policy-related youth programs more efficient and 14 effective, and address issues that will affect the long-term future of the United States; and 15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of 17 Legislative Services to President Donald J. Trump, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania 18 Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500; and the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators 19 Benjamin L. Cardin and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, 20 D.C. 20510; and Representatives Andrew P. Harris, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, John 21 P. Sarbanes, Anthony G. Brown, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, John K. Delaney, Elijah E. 22 Cummings, and Jamie Raskin, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.