

WHEREAS, The practice of racial discrimination is contrary to the democratic principles of this country and an affront to the laws and people of this State; and

~~WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court ruled over 20 years ago that racially segregated schools are unconstitutional; and~~

~~WHEREAS, That during the past 3 decades the laws, policies, and judicial decisions of the United States have consistently and systematically eliminated the vestiges of racial discrimination; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Through government action, certain organizations are granted exemption from taxation as provided under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), and this exemption is lawful as applied to legitimate appropriate organizations that do not discriminate against individuals because of their race; now, therefore, be it~~

WHEREAS, Recent federal policy has sanctioned the tax exempt status of schools that discriminate on the basis of race; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Maryland Congressional Delegation is urged to initiate and support appropriate legislation or resolutions to strengthen lawful and constitutional nondiscrimination policies regarding tax exemptions under the Internal Revenue Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Congressional Delegation take the steps necessary to provide that racially segregated private schools or other organizations that support racial discrimination, shall continue to be denied the privilege of exemption from taxation as required under the Constitution, laws, and judicial holdings pertaining to this issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Royden P. Dyson, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Steny H. Hoyer, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed June 1, 1982.

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