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House Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Delegates that the various State supported and State funded institutions of higher education should be more selective in the public speakers who are invited to speak at events conducted under the auspices of the institutions.

WHEREAS, Considerable publicity has been given in Maryland to the proposed appearance of a speaker on a program to be held on the campus of the University of Maryland at College Park; and

WHEREAS, It was reported in the press that the speaker, Bayard Rustin, was a well known civil rights leader who had been convicted of selective service law violations and of sexual offenses; and

WHEREAS, A serious question is raised of the propriety of permitting persons such as Bayard Rustin to use the facilities of State supported and State funded institutions of higher education for speaking engagements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of the House that the University of Maryland was guilty of an error of judgment in permitting the Rustin speech to be held at the University; and

WHEREAS, The House is further of the opinion that the various State supported and State funded institutions should not in the future extend their facilities to speakers of the ilk of Bayard Rustin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland, That we urge the various State supported and State funded institutions of higher education to be more careful in the future in the selection of public speakers who are permitted to use the facilities of the institutions; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution are sent to the Presidents of the State Universities and Colleges.

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

By the Committee:

Amendment No. 1—In the second Whereas clause of the Resolution, strike out in line 1 of the clause beginning with the words "It was" down to and including the word "who" in line 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The speaker".

Which amendment was read and adopted.

Amendment No. 2—In the third Whereas clause of the Resolution in line 1, strike out the word "permitting" and insert in lieu thereof the words "inviting such"; and in line 2 strike out the following: "such as Bayard Rustin".

Which amendment was read and adopted.

Amendment No. 3—Strike out all of the 4th and 5th Whereas clauses and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Whereas, That while the House of Delegates is cognizant of the necessity of guaranteeing academic freedom and protecting the right of freedom of speech, it is the sense of the House that consideration