

against humanity, and is offensive to the basic values and principles of civilization; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, a leader of the South African people, has been imprisoned for the past 23 years for his opposition to apartheid; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mandela symbolizes the determination of his people to eradicate apartheid and to establish a united, nonracial and democratic South Africa; and

WHEREAS, Numerous governments, including the United States, as well as the United Nations, have called for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela; and

WHEREAS, ~~There are thousands of other South Africans currently in prison for their opposition to governments, including the United States, as well as the United Nations, have called for the immediate and unconditional release of Nelson Mandela; and~~

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WHEREAS, ~~There are thousands of other South Africans currently in prison imprisoned without due process of law for their opposition to apartheid; and~~

WHEREAS, The release of Nelson Mandela ~~and all other political prisoners and detainees~~ is essential to the prompt solution of the continued suppression of legal and human rights in South Africa; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the government of South Africa is requested to immediately and unconditionally release Nelson Mandela ~~and all other South African political prisoners and detainees~~; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland recognizes that the government of South Africa may attach reasonable conditions to the release of Mr. Mandela, such as his pledge not to return resort to acts of violence, treason, or sedition upon his release; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to President P. W. Botha, Office of the State President, Private Bag X83, Pretoria, 001 South Africa; and the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Signed May 13, 1986.

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