

A Bill to Reduce Taxes on Small Businesses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal income tax for small businesses shall be lowered to 12%. Furthermore,
3 corporations with more than 250 employees shall be subject to fewer tax breaks.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Tax breaks shall be defined as a tax concession or advantage allowed by the
5 federal government.

6 B. Short businesses shall be defined as businesses with a Market Capital under \$500
7 million.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of the Treasury will be responsible for enforcing the provisions
9 of this bill.

10 B. The Department of the Treasury shall also be in charge of deciding the new value
11 of tax deductibles the companies with more than 250 employees receive.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 6 months after passage.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Simon Hanna
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Abolish Common Core

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Common Core shall be removed from all public schools. Furthermore, each school
3 shall set their own educational standards.

4 **SECTION 2.** Common Core is defined as a set of math and English Language Arts standards for
5 K-12 students to reach by the end of each grade level.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take place on January 1, 2019.

8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meredith Smith
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Terminate US Funding of UN Peacekeeping Forces

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall end all funding to United Nations Peacekeeping operations
2 and redistribute it to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Funding to United Nations Peacekeeping operations” shall be defined as any
4 monetary value being used to fund peacekeeping overseen by the United Nations.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
6 bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect October 1, 2018.

8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aaditya Daga
King High School*

A Bill to Foster Peaceful Negotiations to End the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Arms sales to Israel shall be annually cut by \$1.8 billion for five years until West
3 Bank settlements are dismantled.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Arms sales” shall be defined as the portion of our foreign aid to Israel
5 specifically the manufacture and sales of weapons and technology.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
7 bill.

8 B. At the discretion of the Secretary of State, aid may resume with Israel’s
9 compliance under the provisions of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason Andreacchio
King High School*

A Bill to Impose Sanctions on Russia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose harsh economic sanctions against Russia limiting
3 general and oil trade.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The sanctions enacted in this bill shall result in the severe limitation of any
5 economic commerce between Russia and the United States.

6 B. The United States' demands shall be designated as the recognition of Ukraine
7 as a fully sovereign state, removal of the Russian military from the Syrian Conflict,
8 and clarification on the actions taken by Russia to interfere in United States politics.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
10 bill.

11 B. The Department of State shall also be responsible for sending military advisors to
12 the Russian Federation to oversee Russian compliance with US demands.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karim Limayem
King High School*

A Bill to Obligate Parents to Vaccinate Their Children

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for parents to withhold vaccinating their children. All children in
3 the United States must get their proper vaccines during the suitable time.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “vaccines” are defined as immunizations that prevent
5 childhood diseases such as polio, measles, chicken pox, mumps, rubella, whooping
6 cough, tetanus, and diphtheria.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health
8 and Human Services shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

9 B. Children that do not receive vaccines must not be allowed to go to school until
10 they receive their vaccines.

11 C. Parents that fail to vaccinate their children will be charged with child
12 maltreatment. They will be given 7 days to vaccinate their children, if they fail then
13 their children will be relocated to more suited parents.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Olivia Zuniga
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Provide More Funding to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall give out grants to the Centers
3 for Disease Control and Prevention.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Grants” is defined as money given by the government for a specific purpose.

5 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for enforcing
6 the provisions of this bill.

7 The money that will be provided will be used to cure such diseases such as Ebola
8 and the Spanish Flu. Funding will be provided by tax and by donations.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect October 30, 2018.

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlie Ehlbeck
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Implement Open-File Discovery Nationwide

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Prosecutors in the U.S. are allowed by the American Bar Association’s (ABA)
2 regulation to withhold crucial evidence until the last minute; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This lack of accountability breeds injustice and “trial by ambush”, where cases
4 are often settled because the defense didn’t have enough time to read the key
5 documents pertaining to the case; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The use of open-file discovery would permit the defendant to read this crucial
7 evidence independently and without the need to file paperwork requesting it; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Open-file discovery would also increase the overall efficiency of court cases; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** These prosecutors, even if they are found to be colluding and breaking the law, will
10 almost never receive punishment for their actions; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the ABA to implement open-file
12 discovery nationwide.

Respectfully submitted,

*Quinn Foster
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Stay in the Paris Agreement

1 **WHEREAS,** On June 1, 2017, United States President Donald Trump announced that the U.S.
2 would cease all participation in the 2015 Paris Agreement; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This will slow collective efforts to reduce worldwide carbon output; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The US would, over time, considerably reduce carbon emissions; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The US is the only country in the world not to sign the Paris Agreement; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Signing the Paris Agreement would build trust with other countries; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for President Trump to publicly
9 announce that the US will stay in the Paris Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chinmay Hadavale
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Create A Universal Basic Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All citizens shall be supplied with a basic income.

3 **SECTION 2.** Each citizen will receive a monthly payment of \$1000.

4 **SECTION 3.** A. The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
5 this bill.

6 B. If taxes will have to be increased to accommodate the provisions of this bill, the
7 amount of the increase will be determined by the Congress.

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect five years after passage.

9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Olivia Arozarena
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Limit the President’s Authority under the Trading with the Enemy Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To enact the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Act, the President shall be
3 required to secure a majority vote within both Houses of Congress. The President
4 may convene both Houses to secure an emergency vote.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The Trading with The Enemy Act of 1917 is a bill passed to allow the President
6 the unlimited ability to impose tariffs and restrict trade “during times of war.”
7 B. The requirement for a vote may be waived if a formal declaration of war has been
8 issued by Congress.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
10 of this bill.

11 B. Failure to do adhere to the procedures presented in this bill will result in the
12 nullification of any imposed tariffs until the required vote can be taken.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Holling
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Bring the Introduction of Self-Driving Motor Vehicles under the Control of the Federal Government

1 **WHEREAS,** The nation is already beginning a transition from man operated motor vehicles to
2 self-driving motor vehicles; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Twenty-two states have already passed legislation regarding this issue, and an
4 additional 10 governors have issued executive orders; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The issues associated with self-driving cars is on a national scale, being that certain
6 damages caused by such a move may harm national security, opening up a new
7 opportunity for cyber terrorism; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Contradiction in policy on self-driving vehicles can led to confusion on the various
9 rules regarding these vehicles causing auto accidents and conflicts; and

10 **WHEREAS,** A national plan created by the Department of Transportation will organize and
11 regulate the way self-driving cars are introduced, mitigating any conflicts and
12 accidents caused by the transition; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a government plan to introduce
14 self-driving cars safely to public roads to be created by December 31, 2020; and be
15 it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and any other agency
17 considered necessary, will establish a plan for working with car companies to
18 increase cyber security of these vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

*Will Power
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Prohibit Hard Locking of SIM Card Slots on Cellular Devices

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** It shall be unlawful for cellular service providers to hard lock the SIM card slot on
3 any device they provide, to their networks.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “SIM cards” are defined as integrated circuits used to store the user’s
5 international mobile subscriber identity and related key, that in turn are used to
6 identify that device.

7 B. A “hard lock” is defined as either a specified paywall blocking the user from
8 unlocking their SIM card slot without paying a fee or the lack of the aforementioned
9 option leading to a permanent inability for a consumer to unlock the SIM card slot
10 on their device.

11 C. All cellular service providers will either remove the network key used to lock the
12 devices in a software update or provide the option to unlock the device at no extra
13 cost upon consumer request.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Communications Commission shall be responsible for enforcing the
15 provisions of this bill.

16 B. Any company-entity found breaking this law shall be fined \$1,000.

17 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nick LaMontagna
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Increase the Number of Iraqi Refugees Who Have Helped the U.S. Military

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The refugee program for bringing Iraqi individuals who have helped the U.S.
3 military will amend the number of refugees allowed to be admitted and remove any
4 unnecessary or flawed processes.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The refugees affected by this bill will be solely any individual who has worked
6 with the U.S. military in Iraq, their immediate family, and any dependents.
7 B. “Unnecessary or flawed processes” are any process a refugee must conduct
8 that has shown to be ineffective, inaccurate, or simply not required to identify which
9 individuals are threats to national security.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services shall
11 be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. Failure to comply with the provisions above will result in an appropriate cut in
13 funding towards the appropriate agency and a demotion or termination in the
14 employment of those responsible for the failure.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect one year after passage.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Hottenstein
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Promote Multilingualism

1 **WHEREAS,** All states do not require high school students to take a foreign language class to
2 graduate; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Being multilingual increases the chances of a job candidate being hired; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Making foreign language classes a graduation requirement forces students learn
5 another language; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Foreign language classes will better prepare students for the workforce; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled urges high schools to require students to
9 have four semesters of foreign language classes to graduate.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kelsey Birnholz
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Increase Corporate Tax Rates on Online Businesses

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS,** The immense growth of online shopping is hurting the retail market which will
3 inevitably hurt the economy; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Online shopping is cheaper than retail due to low corporate tax rates on online
5 markets, thus it has grown in recent years, but this growth has led to retailers closing
6 down; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The decline of retailers will and has led to unemployment, a decrease in retail real
8 estate and a reduction in retail tax revenue; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Increasing taxation on online markets will lead to increased online prices which will
10 give retailers a chance to compete with the online markets; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Retailers will be able to hire more employees and increase retail real estate; and

12 **WHEREAS,** It is necessary that retail markets flourish due to the fact that both retail and real
13 estate employment depend on the retail market; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for an increase in corporate tax rates
15 on online companies.

Respectfully submitted,

*Inaya Mukhtar
Newsome High School*

A Resolution to Eliminate Paper Currency within the United States

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States paper currency system has become antiquated in the face of
2 competition; and

3 **WHEREAS,** In the face of said competition an overhaul of the United States System of currency
4 is a necessity; and

5 **WHEREAS,** A new digital system for United Sates currency will be created; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The preemptive initialization into transition is necessary if United States currency is
7 to ensure its competitiveness going into the future; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United Sates to begin the
9 process of transition to an alternative digital currency from our paper currency.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hayden Jo Goodwin
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Increase the Federal Scientific Agencies' Budgets

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Science Federal Budget has been on a steady decline; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** This decrease in budget has not allowed for the Scientific agencies to flourish as
- 3 they had in the past; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The budget increased would allow the sciences to start testing and developing new
- 5 and innovative ways to use their research; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The budget increase would allow for more exploration of both our world and those
- 7 beyond; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** There is a need for further exploration and innovation in scientific industries; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the Federal Budget to allow
- 11 more federal spending on the Sciences

Respectfully submitted,

*Anthony Habas
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Ban the Production of Water Bottles

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Water bottle pollution is ruining the environment; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** About 70% of plastic water bottles in the United States are not recycled, which
- 3 results in the majority ending up in landfills or in the ocean; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Wildlife and ecosystems are being harmed; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** A ban would result in about 68 billion fewer plastic bottles being discarded; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Prohibiting water bottle production would save consumers and local governments
- 7 money, and protect communities from pollution; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a ban on the production of water
- 9 bottles in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*Baylee Stepina
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Increase Development Aid

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase developmental aid by 100 million dollars each to
3 South Sudan, Syria, and Afghanistan.

4 **SECTION 2.** Development assistance is defined as government aid designed to promote the
5 economic development, education and welfare of developing countries.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development shall be responsible for
7 enforcing the provisions of this bill. If developmental aid is used improperly all aid
8 will be retracted.

9 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Race Lamboley
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Convert Low-Level Felonies to Misdemeanors

1 **WHEREAS,** More than 2.2 million individuals in the United States were incarcerated in 2013,
2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** Many of these individuals could have punishment toned down or rescinded without
4 repercussions; and

5 **WHEREAS,** A great number of Americans are kept out of our workforce, local communities, and
6 society; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Low-level felonies include crimes such as vandalism and public drunkenness; and

8 **WHEREAS,** These felonies could easily be more leniently punishable; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a conversion of all low-level
10 felonies to misdemeanors.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kevin Steinfeld
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Remove the Dickey Amendment from the Omnibus Spending Bill

1 **WHEREAS,** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not have the funding to
2 research gun policy and gun violence prevention due to the Dickey Amendment,
3 which states that “none of the funds made available for injury prevention and
4 control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to
5 advocate or promote gun control,” and

6 **WHEREAS,** The persistence of the Dickey Amendment blocks the provision of objective,
7 scientifically-based information on the causes of gun violence and the possible
8 actions that can be taken to mitigate or eliminate it; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Removing the Dickey Amendment allows the Centers for Disease Control and
10 Prevention to be able to research gun violence with the proper funding, promoting
11 the health and wellbeing of all individuals; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the removal of the Dickey
13 Amendment from the federal government’s omnibus spending bill.

Respectfully submitted,

*Katie Alcock
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Repeal the Common Core State Standards Initiative Nationwide

1 **WHEREAS,** Common Core standards have been severely criticized by many state officials,
2 teachers, and parents; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Students are negatively impacted by the faulty and defective education requirements
4 outlined in the Common Core State Standards Initiative; and

5 **WHEREAS,** No prominent progress or improvement in proficiency has been noted since the
6 standards were implemented; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Numerous states are in disagreement over the learning and testing standards; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Many new standards and educational initiatives designed to improve requirements
9 under the Common Core curriculum have been adopted by multiple states; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Several states have refused to adopt the initiative; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Maintaining such controversial academic standards will inhibit public education and
12 student development, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled call for a nationwide repeal of the
14 Common Core State Standards.

Respectfully submitted,

*Simone Liang
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Provide Paid Parental Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All working parents with a newly born or adopted child will be provided with at
3 least 60% of their average wages for a minimum of 8 weeks parental leave.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. New mothers and fathers who have been in the workforce for at least 6 months
5 must be given the option of parental leave, provided financial compensation and job
6 security.

7 B. Parents are expected to return to work by the end of the 8 week interval, unless
8 permitted an extended paid parental leave period by an employer.

9 C. The 8 week period is continuous and cannot be broken up or divided into various
10 portions over time.

11 D. Parents with a newborn or adopted child have 12 months to utilize paid parental
12 leave.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
14 bill. Funding will be provided primarily through paid parental leave programs with
15 payroll contributions.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

17 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie Van Peenen
Southeast High School*

A Resolution to Adopt the Metric System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States of America is one of the three countries that does not use the
2 metric system; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This has negatively impacted the fields of science and medicine; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Conversion from imperial to metric is not always accurate; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Failure to adopt metric measurements causes the U.S. to lose millions to billions of
6 dollars; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Sustaining the imperial system will restrain the fields of science and medicine in the
8 U.S.; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United States to change its
10 system of measurement to the metric system.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bipasha Shrestha
Southeast High School*

A Resolution to Remove Economic Sanctions on Iran

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has imposed unfair sanctions on Iran; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** These economic sanctions are not the most effective method for achieving the goals
- 3 the United States has set forth in Iran; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The international community, and especially the European Union has heavily
- 5 criticized the imposition of sanctions; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Removing the sanctions would be beneficial to the Iranian economy and please the
- 7 international community; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the removal of United States
- 9 sanctions on Iran.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marco Scalera
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Require the Presence of a Police Officer at Every Public School Nationwide

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Education shall require a school resource officer to
3 be on campus throughout the school day for the whole school year.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. A “school resource officer” shall be defined as a career law enforcement
5 officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or
6 agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with
7 one or more schools.

8 B. A school resource officer will be required to be armed with a hand gun while on
9 campus and actively on duty.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
11 this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Faith Buckley
Wharton High School*

A Resolution to Require Public Schools to Require More Credits in Economics

1 **WHEREAS,** Citizens, primarily young adults, do not currently understand the economy to
2 succeed in life; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The American public is in high levels of debt; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The public should understand economic issues to vote upon them; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The general population knowing more on the economy can improve the US
6 economy

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United States Department of
8 Education to push for public schools to require more economically based classes to
9 graduate high school.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ashton DeMarse
Wharton High School*

A Resolution to Repeal the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993

1 **WHEREAS,** Congress passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to protect
2 individual religious liberty from government intrusion; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Since then, activist groups have twisted RFRA’s meaning by claiming a
4 religious need to violate other people’s rights, an argument validated by the U.S.
5 Supreme Court in Hobby Lobby v. Burwell; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Congress intended RFRA to be a shield, not a sword; and

7 **WHEREAS,** RFRA was found unconstitutional as applied to state and local governments,
8 necessitating passage of a more limited law applicable only to zoning laws and
9 prisons; and

10 **WHEREAS,** What is left of RFRA likely violates the First Amendment by favoring religious
11 motivations over nonreligious ones; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the repeal of the Religious
13 Freedom Restoration Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of Congress

A Bill to Make Medicare Available to Children and Pregnant Women

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal Medicare program shall be expanded to cover, with no premiums or
3 cost-sharing, all citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States who are
4 (a) under the age of 19 and/or (b) pregnant.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “Medicare” shall include Part A hospital coverage, Part B
6 medical coverage, Medicare Advantage, and Part D prescription coverage.
7 B. Individuals who are eligible for Medicare shall be ineligible for the Medicaid
8 expansion or premium tax credits under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
9 Act.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for enforcing
11 the provisions of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 6 months after passage.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk of Congress