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**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Specify Term Limits for Federal Supreme Court Justices**

1 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution is ambiguous when stating how long justices shall serve, and

2 **WHEREAS,** A clear term limit of 18 years must be specified, and

3 **WHEREAS,** The current interpretation having “lifetime appointments” allows justices too
4 much power with little accountability, and

5 **WHEREAS,** The Constitution does not expressly grant life tenure to Supreme Court justices,
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** Justices serve longer on average than any other time in American history, and

8 **WHEREAS,** The court must be moved away from long-term partisanship, and

9 **WHEREAS,** Justices are not elected by the people, and

10 **WHEREAS,** The amendment will apply to future appointed justices; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
12 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
13 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
14 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within four years from the date of
15 its submission by the Congress:

16 **ARTICLE --.**

17 **SECTION 1:** Supreme Court Justices’ terms shall be limited to 18 years.

18 **SECTION 2:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
19 appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Anna Lazzara*

Sarasota High School

A Resolution to Grant Statehood to Puerto Rico

1 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has been a U.S. territory since 1917; and

2 **WHEREAS,** In a recent vote, ninety-seven percent of voters in the Puerto Rican population

3 wanted to become a U.S. state; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Granting them statehood would allow them to have a prominent voice in

5 Congress, something they currently lack; and

6 **WHEREAS,** This would correct the large amounts of tax evasion occurring in the region as a

7 result of the absence of U.S. federal income tax rates; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled demands that Puerto Rico be granted

9 statehood as the fifty-first state of America.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sraddha Karthik
Sickles High School*

A Bill to Ban Domestic Trophy Hunting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of trophy hunting may no longer take place on United States
3 territory.

4 **SECTION 2.** Trophy hunting will be defined as the hunting of wild animals for sport or
5 for trophies, not for food. Animals which fall into this category include
6 but are not limited to; bears, mountain lions, wolves, foxes, bobcats,
7 coyotes. Trophy hunting does not include shooting an animal in self-
8 defense or in the defense of property.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S Department of the Interior will oversee the enforcement of this
10 legislation.

11 A. Violations of this legislation will result in penalty fines and/or
12 jail/prison time, with a minimum fine of \$500.

13 B. Fine amounts and jail/prison time vary based on species taken or
14 number of violations committed.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wharton High School

A Bill to Create a Universal Basic Income

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Each United States Citizen above the age of 18 shall receive Universal Basic
3 Income monthly from the United States Government.

4 B. The Universal Basic Income (UBI) shall be paid through a Value Added Tax
5 of 10 percent.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Universal Basic Income shall be defined as monthly payments of 1000 dollars

7 B. Value Added Tax shall be defined as a tax that is implemented on each stage of
8 the supply chain to sale.

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

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon the 2021 Fiscal Year

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pine View School

A Bill to Decriminalize Drug Usage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Drug-related offences are not to be punished by incarceration; These
3 offenders will be sentenced to mandatory drug rehabilitation until they
4 fully recover. Any persons currently incarcerated on account of a drug-
5 related offence will see an immediate termination to their sentence and
6 will be placed in mandatory drug rehabilitation, following the previous
7 guidelines.

8 **SECTION 2.** A. "Drug-related offences" is defined as to the possession, purchase, or
9 usage of drugs for recreational purposes, as well as those involved in the
10 sale of drugs, although, unless found using other drugs, will not be
11 required to go through rehabilitation.

12 B. "Full recovery" is defined as being one month sober off of the drugs
13 the offender has been found using.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency will oversee the provisions of this bill.

15 A. The DEA will transition the money saved from the lack of law
16 enforcement and incarceration into establishing more rehabilitation
17 centers, as well as covering the cost of rehabilitation for convicts.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
19 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Andrew Krywko, Southeast High School.

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Reform Presidential Pardoning Powers**

1 **WHEREAS,** Individuals who may not deserve pardons are increasingly granted such due to
2 their relations with the President and

3 **WHEREAS,** The process and power distribution for pardons clearly needs to be modified for
4 the new climate; now, therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
6 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
7 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
8 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date
9 of its submission by the Congress:

10 **ARTICLE --.**

11 SECTION 1: A: Presidential pardons shall hereby have a 30 day waiting period
12 before the pardoned individual may be released from sentencing or
13 other privileges typically afforded to them.

14 B: The Senate and House of Representatives shall hereby have the
15 power, during that 30 day period, by a 2/3 vote by either cha, to
16 render void a presidential pardon.

17 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
18 appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronan Bray
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Provide Medical and Agricultural Aid to Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) shall
3 distribute \$500 million in medical and agricultural aid through non-governmental
4 organizations (NGOs) operating within Bangladesh in order to stabilize the
5 Rohingya refugee camps in the region.

6 **SECTION 2. A.** NGOs shall be defined as independent organizations not affiliated with the
7 government.

8 **SECTION 3.** USAID shall be charged with implementation of this legislation.

9 **A.** USAID will consider previous performance, personnel, organizational
10 capability, and the amount of funding needed of NGOs when distributing the
11 money, and will also cut funding if necessary.

12 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage this legislation will become effective fiscal year 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Senator Aaryan Srivastava
King High School*

A Resolution to Make Presidential Election Days a Federal Holiday

- 1 **WHEREAS,** 64.8% of Americans who are eligible to vote take part in the elections; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Many Americans have limited time to vote i.e. lunch breaks or even having to
- 3 take time off of work, voting on Election Day and following results take away
- 4 from the workday; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** It is the Americans citizens civil duty to take part in elections; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** On Election Day every vote matters therefore everyone should have an equal
- 7 opportunity to make it to the polls; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** It would be for the Americans benefit to have election day off which may lead to
- 9 more voter turnout; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United States Government
- 11 to include Election Day as a Federal Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarasota High School

A Bill to Increase Funding for School Lunches to Develop Better Nutrition Programs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The federal government shall provide an additional subsidy of 10 billion dollars for public schools to improve their school lunch programs.

SECTION 2. A subsidy should be defined as a sum of money granted by the government to an industry or business so that the price of a commodity or service may remain low.

SECTION 3. A. The USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) shall oversee the NSLP implementation of the subsidy.

B. The NSLP (National School Lunch Program) shall be responsible for the enforcement and distribution of the subsidy. The NSLP will also monitor what percentage of the subsidy each school district will get based on the students in the district.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented right after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Om Chovatiya, King High School.

A Bill to Reform the Supreme Court of the United States

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The number of justices on the Supreme Court shall be equal to the
3 number of courts of appeals (circuit courts). The Court would function
4 with one Chief Justice and additional Associate Justices.

5 **SECTION 2.** Courts of appeals, also known as circuit courts, are the intermediate
6 appellate courts of the United States federal judiciary. This number
7 includes the federal circuit court.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall enforce the implementation of this bill.

9 A. The Congress shall utilize Judicial Appropriations as funding. The
10 Congress may reallocate funding from the military Operation and
11 Maintenance Appropriations budget as necessary for funding.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 20, 2021. All laws in conflict
13 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Francis M. Garcia Fernandez, Southeast High School.

A Resolution to Require Vaccinations for All Public School Students

1 **WHEREAS,** Not all public school students are required to receive vaccinations and;

2 **WHEREAS,** The number of children in public school who receive vaccinations decrease more
3 every year; and

4 **WHEREAS,** When vaccination rates decline, we start to see a resurgence of infectious
5 diseases; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Research has shown that due to the lack of vaccinations there has been a major
7 increase in the amount of infectious diseases that we see every year; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Requiring vaccinations to be mandatory to attend public school could drastically
9 lessen the amount of infectious diseases seen every year; now, therefore be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled strongly encourages states to require
11 students who attend public school to receive vaccinations; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all children who attend public school will be required to receive
13 vaccinations to help lessen the amount of infectious diseases seen every year, only
14 those who have sever health constraints may be exempt from this.

Respectfully submitted,

Khloe Maldonado
Southeast High School

A Bill to Increase Funding to the CDC

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The CDC will be granted increased funding to increase our ability to fight
3 off and prevent diseases.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Disease" is defined as any sickness, virus, or cell that causes harm to a
5 human.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The
7 Department of Health and Human Services will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

8 B. The CDC will get a budget raise of 5% upon passage of this legislation.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
10 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Parker Toso, Wharton High School.

A Bill to Give Humanitarian Aid to Armenia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall give the Republic of Armenia 750 Million dollars in
3 Humanitarian Aid.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. "Humanitarian Aid" shall be defined as material and logistical assistance to a
5 government or the people.

6 B. The Aid will be used to supply food, medicine, rebuilding of infrastructure and
7 other necessities for the Armenian people.

8 **SECTION 3.** The United States Agency for International Development in conjunction with the
9 State Department shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect within ninety days of passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Blaise Lamboley
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Increase Contributions to the United Nations

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase contributions towards the United
3 Nations by \$5 billion.

4 **SECTION 2.** These contributions shall be considered voluntary. They will be in
5 addition to current voluntary contributions and mandatory assessed
6 dues.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of the Treasury shall be responsible for enforcing and
8 funding the provisions of this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect ninety days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Garrett Olson, Sarasota High School.

A Resolution to Demilitarize Police Officers

1 **WHEREAS**, Militarizing the police fails to enhance safety in communities of civilians and
2 police officers alike; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Police militarization neither reduces rates of violent crime nor changes the
4 number of officers assaulted or killed; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Militarized police encounters undermine community trust and threaten
6 constitutional rights; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the demilitarization of police
8 officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesus Montilla
Sarasota High School

A Resolution to Implement a Tax on Carbon Dioxide Emissions

1 **WHEREAS,** The amount of carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere has reached the
2 highest amount recorded in human history; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The solutions the government has in place are not enough to significantly lower
4 the amount of carbon dioxide emissions in the atmosphere; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The inhaling of carbon dioxide emissions leads to several negative health effects;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** Carbon dioxide emissions lead to severe weather events that hurt the United
8 States' economy and population; and

9 **WHEREAS,** A tax would encourage individuals and businesses to reduce the use of goods and
10 services that emit carbon dioxide, while also allowing minimal use of these goods
11 and services; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for a tax to be placed on any
13 goods, services, or processes that emits carbon dioxide.

Respectfully submitted,

Madelyn Ledford
Sarasota High School

A Bill to Abolish Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Nonviolent Drug Offenses

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Mandatory minimum sentences shall be abolished for nonviolent drug offenses.

SECTION 2. A. "Mandatory minimum sentences" shall be defined as predetermined punishment baselines that judges are required to meet when sentencing offenders of specific crimes.

B. "Non violent drug offenses" shall be defined as crimes dealing with the possession of drugs in an illegal, but nonviolent manner.

SECTION 3. A. The Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Prisons shall work jointly with each state to enforce this legislation.

B. 250 million dollars shall be allocated to the Department of Justice to assist courts with the transition to the new system.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect three (3) months after passage by this legislative body.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Krystal Tran, Pine View School.

A Resolution to Adopt a Waste Tax to Minimize Solid Waste Production

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Each American produces an estimated average wastes of 5.91 pounds,
2 1.5 pounds of which is sent through recycling systems daily; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Americans are producing over 750,000 tons collectively a day; and
4 **WHEREAS,** up to 70% of recycled waste is sent overseas, ultimately landing in
5 oceans, lakes, and rivers; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Over 50% of trash is sent to landfills: a top producer of methane gas in
7 America; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled mandate that Americans shall pay for
9 garbage disposal by the pound; and, be it
10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the imposed tax shall not exceed \$0.10 per pound for the
11 first 50 pounds, plus \$0.35 per pound thereafter.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kadin El Bakkouri, Sickles High School.

A Resolution to Improve Security at Regional Airports

1 **WHEREAS,** the United States lacks proper security checkpoints at airports that do
2 not serve commercial carriers, and

3 **WHEREAS,** smaller aircraft can be used not only as weapons, but also for smuggling
4 contraband, therefore, be it

5 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommends instituting increased
6 security checkpoints and inspections at regional airports in the US.

7 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wharton High School*

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A Bill to Tax The College Board

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The College Board is hereby stripped of its Non-Profit status.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Non-Profit” is defined as 501 C3; an entity that receives federal funding subsidies
4 and is excluded from federal taxing.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be in charge of implementation of its
6 legislation.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Middleton High School

A Resolution to Recognize Taiwan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan has recognized itself as a sovereign nation bordering a hostile state; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The history of Taiwan's self-government has been constantly interrupted by acts
- 3 of hostility and tyranny imposed by The People's Republic of China; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The United States has origins in liberty and freedom; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has a great amount of leverage and influence in the situation
- 6 between The People's Republic of China and emerging Taiwan; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The United States can use its leverage and influence to prevent any violent actions
- 8 in the region and promote peaceful separation; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled recognize Taiwan as independent from
- 10 The People's Republic of China.

Respectfully submitted,

Middleton High School

A Bill to Eliminate the Use of Sanctions in Foreign Affairs

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall not continue to enact economic sanctions on foreign
3 countries and shall remove current sanctions in place.

4 **SECTION 2.** Economic sanctions are defined as any actions taken by one nation or group of
5 nations to harm the economy of another nation or group, often to force a political
6 change.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S Treasury shall be responsible for
8 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anya Studebaker

Sarasota High School

A Resolution for the United States to Rejoin the Paris Agreement

1 **WHEREAS,** The withdrawal from the Paris Agreement amplifies the impacts of the climate
2 crisis and diminishes the reputation of the United States on the international stage;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS,** Nonparticipation in the agreement will hinder the United States economically in
5 the competition for clean energy; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The exit will further increase carbon pollution and emissions created by the
7 United States; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Leaving the pact dissuades friendly foreign relations with allies and adversaries
9 alike; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for the United States to formally
11 rejoin the Paris Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ashley Bess
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Require Car Seats for Any Individual Under Ten Years Old

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any child under the age of ten must be restrained with a car seat in the backseat of
3 a vehicle.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Vehicle shall be defined as any enclosed motor vehicle that is authorized and is
5 used to transport individuals from one place to another.

6 B. The weight and height of the child must meet The National Highway Traffic
7 Administrations regulations.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in conjunction with local
9 police shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 B. Any person who violates this law shall be fined \$100 with 3 points added to
11 their driver's license for the first offense.

12 C. Any subsequent violation of this law shall result in loss of license.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Bella North
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Ban Professional Horse Racing in the US

1 **WHEREAS**, Professional horse racing exposes horses to a significant risk of injury, and

2 **WHEREAS**, The fatality rate of race horses is the highest in the US, and

3 **WHEREAS**, Previous reforms to the sport have been proven ineffective and; now, therefore, be

4 it

5 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for banning of professional horse

6 racing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peyton Milhorn
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Mandate the Recording of Interrogations

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All interrogations carried out by law enforcement shall be recorded and stored in
3 a national database.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Recording shall be defined as the process of an event being electronically
5 taped.

6 B. Interrogation shall be defined as the process of law enforcement asking
7 questions to obtain information from a suspect.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the
9 provisions of this bill.

10 B. Tampering with any footage of the interrogations shall result in a felony charge
11 and up to twenty years in prison.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect ninety days after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Ballard
Sarasota High School