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A Resolution to Rewrite Regulations to Become an American Citizen

- Section 1. If parents are illegal immigrants, but have a child in an American country or territory, the child should not be considered an American citizen.
- Section 2. Individuals must know how to speak a fluent amount of English and know phrases, a decent amount of words, and grammar usage.
- Section 3. Individuals must know the Amendments and be able to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.
- Section 4. Must have an understanding of American currency, government, and U.S. History.
- Section 5. Individuals who have been deported must wait one year before being allowed to go through regulations to become and American citizen.
- Section 6. Must be a person of good character.

Introduced by C.J. Crafford, Collierville High School

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A Resolution to Limit Industrial Activity in the Tennessee Cumberland River Basin

1 **WHEREAS**, it is not productive to spend millions of dollars annually, to maintain an
2 area of land where less than 50 percent is used for beneficial economic
3 purposes; and

4 **WHEREAS**, industrial sites, businesses, and certain individuals take advantage of this
5 land and harm the wildlife and natural environment of which it comprises;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, land not being immediately in use for productive economic use and is being
8 unnecessarily maintained for defective causes and contributing to the
9 detrimental health of the environment in the Tennessee Cumberland River
10 Basin; and

11 **WHEREAS**, this land *could* be safely secured and enjoyed as national parks and
12 recreation as green space; and

13 **WHEREAS**, environmental, human, and the economy may experience detriment if the
14 current state is allowed to endure; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled, that the following article be proposed as
16 an amendment to the Constitution of the state of Tennessee, which shall be
17 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified
18 by the Tennessee state legislature:

19 **ARTICLE --**

20 **SECTION 1:** At least 20 percent of the 18,000 square miles of the
21 Tennessee Cumberland River Basin shall be officially set aside and preserved as
22 green space.

23 **SECTION 2:** The Tennessee state legislature shall have power to enforce
24 this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced by Brentwood High School.

A Resolution to Modify the Public School Calendar

1 Whereas, This resolution would change the public school calendar to a balanced calendar
2 and;

3 Whereas, This resolution would switch the school calendar from the agricultural calendar to
4 a more year-round calendar and;

5 Whereas, American students are behind students from foreign countries in academic
6 performance and;

7 Whereas, This resolution would improve students' academic performance; therefore be it

8 Resolved, by Student Congress here assembled that the United States will modify the current
9 school calendar to be a balanced calendar.

Introduced by Battle Ground Academy

A Bill to Prevent Cyber Attacks

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. government will fund the FCC to stop and prevent cyber attacks
2 against all electronic interests of the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** Cyber attacking is a computer-to-computer attack that undermines the
4 confidentiality, integrity, or availability of a computer or information
5 resident on it.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Communications Commission will oversee the enforcement
9 of this law. The FCC will be funded with the tax money received from
10. online commerce.

11. A. Online Commerce will be defined as the buying and selling of
11. products or services over electronic systems.

13. B. All online commerce transactions will be taxed at 1%.

14. **SECTION 5.** This bill will be implemented January 1, 2012.

15. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Battle Ground Academy

Minor Sexual Conviction Bill

Be it enacted by the Senate in the Student Congress assembled that

Section 1. All children convicted of rape at the age of twelve(12) and under be tried in the juvenile court instead of the adult court.

Section 2. The parents or guardians of the accused should have a consultation with legal professional psychiatrists. Children convicted of these crimes should be investigated and mandatory counseling should be required of the child.

- A. Children of that age are almost certainly pre-pubescent and their interest in the victim is certainly non-sexual.
- B. Evidence in child rape cases suggests that children have been showing this sort of curiosity since the dawn of time.
- C. Children that are accused of rape have mostly not been associated with drinking or drugs, rather than as a majority of the rapes; drugs and alcohol are associated with rape.

Section 3. Be it resolved that any entity who is in violation of this bill by denying children and guardians counseling services be subjected to a mandatory fine of twenty-five thousand dollars(25,000) fine or a minimum of ten years of jail time will be issued.

Maxey Baker

A Bill to Ensure That ECG Heart Monitoring and Response are Added to All Youth Sport Physicals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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3 **SECTION 1.** All sports physicals involving minors aged 3-17, grade levels k-12 must
4 have a delineated heart exam that insures the health of the cardiovascular system of the
5 children before any involvement in any sports.

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7 **SECTION 2.** Physicians must use the response of the electrocardiograph to evaluate the
8 health and stability of children athletes, to reduce the chance of an
9 unexpected sports related death.

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11 **SECTION 3.** Physicals kept on file must have inclusive and yearly cardiovascular health
12 evaluations to show account for future ECG monitor and response
13 examinations.

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15 **SECTION 4.** Insurance cost for ECG exams can be filed to be waived under an
16 additional federal funded program that ensures that children have proper
17 and necessary medical evaluations such these.

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19 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect in the year 2013

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

22 *Introduced by. Northeast High School*

A Resolution to Raise the Driving Age to Eighteen

- 1 **WHEREAS** insurance companies make a great deal of money on teenage drivers'
2 policies, however insurers end up paying money when these kids have
3 accidents-which happen way too frequently according to auto insurance.
- 4 **WHEREAS** many teens simply lack the maturity it takes to deal with the responsibilities
5 that come with a motor vehicle.
- 6 **WHEREAS** parents are generally too stressed out and overwhelmed trying to provide
7 food and shelter for their children to take time and teach kids how to
8 handle emergencies that could come with driving a car before eighteen.
- 9 **WHEREAS** the younger a teenager is, the more often it is for them to fully understand
10 the consequences of serious accidents that happen in car wrecks.
- 11 **WHEREAS** parents have difficulty affording a decent car for their kids because cars are
12 more expensive, sometimes they need repair, and gas prices are
13 increasing, therefore owning a car is difficult to afford for any minor.
- 14 **WHEREAS** parents and guardians don't always know how to teach their children how to
15 drive a motor vehicle, and often resort to a driving program to teach their
16 kids.
- 17 **WHEREAS**, ; now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that a resolution to raise the driving age
19 to eighteen.

Introduced by Myndi Leazer Northeast High School

A Bill to Legalize Prostitution in the United States

- 1. **WHEREAS**, Prostitution is illegal in all fifty (50) states of the United States
- 2. except for eleven (11) rural areas in the state of Nevada. And,
- 3. **WHEREAS**, all forms of prostitution would not be legal, just prostitution in
- 4. terms of corporations and hired prostitutes that would be regularly screened for all
- 5. STDs, (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) including AIDS (Acquired Immune
- 6. Deficiency Syndrome). And,
- 7. **WHEREAS**, these legal prostitution corporations would have a tax imposed on
- 8. them in order to continue their business. And,
- 9. **WHEREAS**, all of those wanting to be prostitutes for these companies would
- 10. have to be over the age of twenty-one (21), be informed on all terms of their
- 11. services, be paid on terms of the national minimum wage, and be able to leave
- 12. whenever desired. And,
- 13. **WHEREAS**, all companies found to be in violation of these rights of the
- 14. prostitutes would be charged a fine of at least \$10,000 available to prostitute
- 15. unions.
- 16. **WHEREAS**, many new jobs would be made, thus helping the economy and the
- 17. amount of taxable revenue would also increase. And,
- 18. **WHEREAS**, sixty-two percent (62%) of Americans believe prostitution should
- 19. be legalized if the prostitutes are regularly screened for AIDS and other STDs.
- 20. Now, therefore, be it
- 21. **RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here assembled that prostitution in these
- 22. terms be legalized.
- 23. The Department of Labor shall have expressed authority in implementing all
- 24. provisions of this bill.
- 25. This law would take effect on January 1, 2013.
- 26. All laws in conflict with this Bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Introduced by Morristown West High School

A Bill To Reform The System In Which Special Education Students Are Taught.

1. **WHEREAS:** Currently, in the United States, Special Education Students
2. are held to the same standards as students with regular learning
3. Abilities.
4. **WHEREAS:** Because of these standards it not only puts these students at a
5. Disadvantage but also disrupts the average classroom setting.
6. **WHEREAS:** Studies show special needs students taught in the same
7. environment as regular students have lower test scores than those who learn in
8. a separate class room with specialized teachers. Therefore,
9. **BE IT RESOLVED**
10. Special Ed. Students should not be held to the same test standards as
11. Regular students. These students are labeled as special education because they
12. require a special environment to better format their needs. They should not
13. have to achieve certain test standards given by the state that were created for
14. regular students and new tests will be developed by their teachers to better
15. asses their learned material.
16. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Special Ed. Students should not be in the
17. same classroom. They have different learning advantages and disadvantages
18. which should be resolved in a separate environment where attention can be
19. focused solely on their needs.
20. All of the Reforms will be supported and funded by the Department of
21. Education. A total of 250 million dollars shall be allotted to the programs and
22. be divided into the states depending on the amount of Special Ed. Students in
23. the state. The Special Ed. Students affected by this reform must be labeled
24. Mentally Handicapped by a certified doctor in order to receive this aid. All
25. Laws in Conflict With this Bill Are Here by Labeled Null and Void.

A Bill to Eliminate Textbooks in United States Public High Schools

- 1 **Article I:** The United States will eliminate textbooks from public high schools.
- 2 **Article II:** The United States will provide each school aged student an E-book.
- 3 **Article III:** Textbook information necessary for classroom usage will be downloaded to the
- 4 student E-book and will be available to the student for one (1) calendar year, at
- 5 which time the information subscription will expire.
- 6 **Article IV:** Funding for the provisions of this bill will come from the savings generated by
- 7 eliminating textbook purchasing.
- 8 **Article V:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 9 **Article VI:** The Department of Education of the United States and local educational systems
- 10 shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.
- 11 **Article VII:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney King
Science Hill High School

A Resolution to Encourage Texting While Driving

- 1 **Whereas:** Communication is a key component in today's society; and
- 2 **Whereas:** texting is an effective way to communicate with people; and
- 3 **Whereas:** the ability to text and drive safely is a simple skill any evolved human
- 4 can develop; and
- 5 **Whereas:** people who cannot develop the skill are unevolved and will be naturally
- 6 eliminated through Darwin's theory of the survival of the fittest; and
- 7 **Whereas:** the elimination of unevolved humans will lessen the economic burden
- 8 on society and open up economic opportunities for the evolved.
- 9 **Therefore:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States
- 10 should make a significant effort to encourage texting while driving to improve
- 11 communications between humans and to eliminate those who are unevolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney King
Science Hill High School

1 Be It Enacted By The Senate In Student Congress
2 assembled that every organism included as part of the Animalia kingdom be
3 protected.

4 **Section 1.** Whereas, that animals, including all multi-cellar, eukaryotic
5 organisms be protected in all forms from neurological research, Xenotransplantation, drug
6 testing, cosmetic testing, pure research, and applied research.

7 **Section 2.** Whereas, in only the circumstances listed below can an organism, listed in
8 Section 1, be used in any sort of animal testing.

9 **A.** There is an epidemic of a disease that causes abnormal conditions
10 that critically or permanently affects a person, and that there is compelling
11 evidence that the cause of the outbreak comes from an animal.

12 **B.** There is evidence that an animal is in a critical physiological or psychological
13 condition, and because of the condition the animal has caused death or permanent
14 damage to 1 or more persons; however, only can this circumstance apply when there 15 is no
positive results when the animal is hospitalized and put in rehabilitation for
16 three weeks.

17 **Section 3.** Anyone in the United States found to be in violation of this bill be experimented on for
neurological research. This includes Xenotransplantation, drug testing, 20 cosmetic testing, pure research,
and applied research.

Antonia Buffalino

1. Be it enacted by the Senate in Student Congress assembled that
2. **Section 1.** Shelby County Schools has a zero tolerance for bullying
3. “The Shelby County Board of Education prohibits employees and students through disparaging
4. conduct or communication that is sexual, racial, ethnic, or religious in nature.”
5. **Section 2.** The definition of bullying through Shelby County Schools is:
6. Physically harming a student or damaging a student’s property; knowingly placing a student in
7. reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student’s property; or creating a
8. hostile educational environment.
9. ie. Taunting, name-calling, hitting, kicking, biting, cyber bullying, or writing taunting words.
10. **Section 3.** These standards and guidelines do not include zero tolerance
11. for bullying students and staff based on sexual orientation, sexual preference, or sexual identity:
12. **A.** Sexual orientation is the direction of ones interest in the same, opposite, or both sexes by
13. feelings, not by choice.
14. **B.** Sexual preference is what gender the individual prefers by choice.
15. **C.** Sexual Identity is when an individual recognizes their natural born gender, but also recognizes
16. what gender they would rather be.
17. **Section 4.** Be it resolved, the current Shelby County Schools anti-bullying policy be expanded to
18. include bullying of any kind, particularly, sexual preference, sexual orientation, or sexual identity.
19. Be it resolved, any student, teacher, or administrator found in violation of any of this policy with
20. valid evidence such as witnesses, printouts, or confession, be suspended for a minimum
21. of three school days and five tolerance classes.

Selena Ghazali

Bill For Abortion Illegalized Nationwide-REVISED

1. In the United States of America, be it enacted that abortions be illegalized during
2. any and all trimesters of pregnancy.
3. Section 1. Abortions are illegal during the third trimester of a pregnancy in any
4. state of the U.S. This is due to the viability of the fetus.
5. Therefore, due to the increase of premature babies able to survive outside of
6. their mother, be it resolved, that all fetuses be assumed viable
7. abortions at all trimesters during the pregnancy be made
8. illegal.
9. Anyone in the United States who violates this bill by giving or receiving an
10. abortion will be sentenced to 18 years to life in federal prison with an
11. additional fine of \$2,500 per every two years in jail.

Molly Floyd

A Bill to End the Controlled Substances Act

1. **WHEREAS**, The United States, as of fiscal year 2010, spent \$15 billion to fight the War
2. on Drugs, while drug violence, abuse, and distribution is rampant; and
3. **WHEREAS**, The current prohibition of drugs has led to the rise of drug cartels, just as
4. the prohibition of alcohol led to the rise of organized crime; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Over 1 million Americans have been incarcerated on non-violent drug
6. charges; and
7. **WHEREAS**, The drug war is costly, counterproductive, and turns non-violent offenders
8. into hardened criminals, straining all aspects of American society; now, therefore, be it
9. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the U.S. end the drug war by
10. nullifying the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, while establishing regulation and
11. taxation for the following substances: Cannabis; LSD; Ecstasy; and Khat, the safest and
12. least addictive drugs currently prohibited; furthermore, the list may be modified in future
13. legislation.

Introduced by Henry County High School

A Resolution to Reform the Tax System

1. **WHEREAS**, The American tax system is large and enormously complicated, filled with
2. loopholes and special conditions; and
3. **WHEREAS**, These loopholes account for untold billions in lost revenue; for example,
4. the General Electric Company paid no taxes for fiscal 2010; and
5. **WHEREAS**, Tax cuts, especially for the wealthiest earners, have no effect on job or
6. economic growth, and therefore cannot be used to improve the nation as a whole; and
7. **WHEREAS**, The value added tax, or VAT, is in use in other countries, such as
8. Germany and the U.S. has no such VAT, and is suffering economically on the global
9. market; therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the U.S. enact a flat tax of 34%, a
11. value added tax of 20%, a tax on the wealthiest of 55%, and a ban on income specific tax
12. cuts for 50 years.

Introduced by Henry County High School

A Resolution to Alter FCC Codes

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations
- 2 concerning nudity, language, and violence are disproportional; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Too much emphasis is placed on regulating nudity and obscene language;
- 4 and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Not enough emphasis is placed on regulating violence; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Violence is proven to have more negative psychological effects than
- 7 nudity; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The FCC shows an unfair double standard in its regulations; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Regulating the violence shown on television and placing less of an
- 10 emphasis on regulating nudity would be a benefit to society; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** These regulations would be more supported by science than morals; and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** A “nudity over violence” mentality is more in line with European
- 13 countries; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled take actions to alter FCC
- 15 Codes.
- 16 *Introduced by Brentwood High School*

Resolution to Prohibit the Picketing of Funerals

1. Whereas, the Constitution of the United States guarantees the freedom of speech, as set out in Article One and,
2. Whereas, the 1964 Federal Civil Right's Law, the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law
3. Enforcement Act, and the Matthew Shepard Act protect against hate crimes, and
4. Whereas intimidation, defined by the United States Department of Justice as "verbal or related
5. threats", is considered a hate crime, and
6. Whereas the congregation of the Westboro Baptist Church of Kansas insists upon using hate-
7. filled language and negative rhetoric in picketing soldier's funerals, therefore
8. BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate in Student Congress assembled that picketing funerals using hate
9. filled language be considered a hate crime, and prosecuted as such.

Morgan Jones, Arlington High School