

A Resolution to Limit Congressional Terms

1. WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate are often
2. home to career politicians, and
3. WHEREAS, incumbent politicians are able to raise campaign funds at a
4. much higher rate than are challengers, and
5. WHEREAS, many incumbents work more to keep their jobs than to
6. represent their constituents, Therefore be it
7. RESOLVED, by this Congress here assembled, that terms in both houses
8. of Congress be limited to twelve years. This would mean six two-year
9. terms in the House and two six-year terms in the Senate.

Introduced by Dickson County High School

A BILL TO ALLOW A CHOICE TO OPT OUT OF SOCIAL SECURITY

BE IT ENACTED CONGRESS THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The United States government issues a choice to opt out of
2. Social Security.
3. **Section 2.** Upon passage of this bill, any person that is 18 years of age
4. and older will be given the choice to opt out of Social
5. Security.
6. **Section 3.** The people that opt out of Social Security opt out of paying
7. the 12.4% (self-employed) or the 6.2% (employee or
8. employer)that is pulled out of their income and used for
9. Social Security but will still have to pay the 2.9% (self-
10. employed) or 1.45% (employee or employer) that is used for
12. Medicare.
13. **Section 4.** Social Security will stay the same as before for the people
14. that stay with the program.
15. **Section 5.** The people that opt out of Social Security can rejoin at
16. anytime but have to pay all money that would have been
17. taken out of their total income for Social Security since the
18. year they opted out of the program.

Introduced by Collierville High School

A Bill to Enact a Mandatory High School Current Politics Class

To Help Americans Become More Politically Involved

1. **SECTION 1:** A current politics class should be mandatory for high school
2. graduation in order for American High School students to become
3. • more aware of the actions of their country and become more
4. involved voters in the future.
5. **SECTION 2:** A contemporary politics class will be concerned with the current
6. political, economic, and social climate. For example this year
7. could include: The 2012 Presidential Election.
8. **SECTION 3:** The Tennessee State Board of Education Department will oversee
9. the enforcement of this bill.
10. **SECTION 4:** This bill will be enacted in the following school year after the bill's
11. passing. If this time period is shorter than six months then it will be
12. enacted on the next school year.
13. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
14. and void.

A Bill to Remove Section 215 From the Patriot Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 215 of the U.S. Patriot Act be removed.

3 **SECTION 2.** Section 215 allows for the search of someones records with the only
4 primary purpose of conducting foreign intelligence with no evidence or probable
5 cause.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee that no searches are permitted
7 with out evidence and probable cause.

8 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately after passage.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Preston Husk
Morristown West

A Bill to remove Public Investment from Private Entertainment Projects

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Public sector monies may not be used for the funding and support of
3 private entertainment projects.

4 **SECTION 2. A.** Private entertainment projects are defined as construction projects such
5 as those for athletic stadiums (football, soccer, baseball, etc.), as well as
6 for private museums, convention centers, and zoos.

7 **B.** Funding for municipally-owned sports parks and natural parks is not
8 affected.

9 **C.** Public sector monies is defined as money gained from taxes and other
10 government fees.

11 **SECTION 3.** The diversion of public funding will be handled by City, County, and State
12 Boards and councils.

13 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

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

Introduced by Dickson County High School

A Bill to Decrease the Achievement Gap with Hispanic Americans:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE

ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: Race and ethnicity shouldn't be factors in the success of any child in America. Hispanic students face grave educational challenges that are hindering their ability to pursue the American dream. Hispanic students are notably behind their white counterparts in the core academic skills. Although the precise size of the gap depends on the subject area, age or grade, and the assessment, by all measures, a significant gap in mathematics, reading skills and science exists between Hispanic and white students.

Section 2: The "achievement gap" in education refers to the disparity in academic performance between groups of students. The achievement gap shows up in grades, standardized-test scores, course selection, dropout rates, and college-completion rates, among other success measures.

Section 3: The United States Department of Education shall be in control of enforcing this bill and do what ever means necessary to insure cooperation.

Section 4: This bill will take effect immediately after it is passed.

Section 5: All laws or bills in conflict of this bill are herby considered null and void.

Respectively Submitted,

Jake West

Morristown West High School

A Resolution to Encourage Children to Drop out of High School

- 1 **Whereas:** Society always needs people to be trade level workers, and
- 2 **Whereas:** Students who have a GPA lower than a 2.0 are more likely to not benefit from the
- 3 high school experience, and
- 4 **Whereas:** A person in a trade job builds positive self-esteem, begins to earn an honest
- 5 living and becomes a tax-paying member of society, and
- 6 **Whereas:** Underperforming high school students can create a disruption in the learning
- 7 environment for students who are more dedicated to the learning process.
- 8 **Therefore:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States
- 9 should encourage underperforming high school students to drop out of high
- 10 school and begin developing a trade.

Respectfully submitted,

Brennan Ricker
Science Hill High School

A Bill to Eliminate the Barbie Doll

1 **WHEREAS,** The toy, the Barbie Doll, promotes the ideal body of perfection which, on a
2 woman of five feet, six inches, is a waist of twenty inches, a bust of twenty-seven
3 inches and hips of twenty-nine inches,

4 **WHEREAS,** The exposure to this doll leads to an unhealthy illusion of bodily perfection,

5 **WHEREAS,** Obsession with the Barbie Doll in the American culture leads to young women
6 who do not look like Barbie to have a low self-body image and therefore low self-
7 esteem,

8 **WHEREAS,** Such self-esteem management issues inevitably leads to increased risk for various
9 eating disorders and also manic-depressive behavior,

10 **WHEREAS,** Undiagnosed depression is a leading cause of suicide among adolescent
females,

11 **BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Barbie Doll must be eliminated in order to prevent adolescent
12 female suicide.

Submitted by Chelsea Ehalt of Arlington High School

A Bill to Make Energy Drinks Illegal for Anyone Under Age 18

1 **Article I:** The United States will ban the purchase of energy drinks to minors.

2 **Article II:** A. Adults will have the rights to purchase energy drinks.

3 B. Adults can purchase energy drinks in designated areas inside a
4 business.

5 C. Adults caught purchasing energy drinks and providing minors with the
6 substance will be prosecuted.

7 **Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

8 **Article IV:** The Food and Drug Administration of the United States shall be
9 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Brennan Ricker
Science Hill High School

Whereas, In the United States, seven states including Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, and New York, currently have legal same sex marriage,
Whereas, The American motto claims to offer freedom and justice to all,
Whereas, The first amendment calls for separation of church and state,
Whereas, Marriage should be a union of two people who love and care for each other regardless of sexual orientation,
Be It Resolved Same sex marriage should be legal and just for all despite barriers established by American society standards.

Submitted by April Korpitz of Arlington High School

A Bill to Eliminate the Gun Show Loophole in Tennessee

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will hereby require all sellers of guns at gun shows to perform
3 background checks on all possible candidates for gun purchases within the
4 state of Tennessee.

5 **SECTION 2.** The government agencies that will control and regulate the enforcement of
6 this bill are the United States Department of Justices and its lesser
7 agencies.

8 **SECTION 3.** In order to finance the background checks, a fee of ten dollars will be
9 assessed to the purchaser of the gun.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect at the end of the 2014 fiscal year.

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

Introduced by Battle Ground Academy

A Resolution to Allow All Same Sex Couples Equal Rights

- 1 **WHEREAS**, according to CNN, the federal government is violating the equal protection
2 clause of the U.S. Constitution by denying rights to one set of legally
3 married couples while preserving the rights of another, based on gender
4 and sexual orientation.
- 5 **WHEREAS**, how you are perceived should not be based on your sexual orientation, your
6 skin color, gender, or religion.
- 7 **WHEREAS**, immigration rights for heterosexual marriages are different from those of
8 homosexual marriages and they are being forced to leave the United States
9 to be together according to CNN.
- 10 **WHEREAS**, who you marry and want to be with should be up to you and not be
11 criticized based on sexual orientation or anything else that makes up a
12 human.
- 13 **WHEREAS**, according to CNN, couples feel as if their private lives have shrunk because
14 of this.
- 15 **WHEREAS**, ; now, therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that same sex couples shall have equal
17 rights in all 50 states just like every other couple. Be in enacted by April
18 21, 2012.

Introduced by Myndi Leazer Northeast High School

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Respectfully Submitted,
Preston Husk
Morristown West

A Bill to Increase the Focus in NASA in order to Achieve the Goal of a Manned Mars Mission by mid-2030

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To achieve the current administration's goal for a manned Mars mission
3 by the mid-2030s, Congress will increase funding for NASA.

4 **SECTION 2.** This funding is required for the research and development for the Manned
5 Mars Program.

6 **SECTION 3.** Congress shall allocate this funding to NASA.

7 **A.** A maximum of 75 billion dollars will be given.

8 **B.** In order to ensure that this funding is given to the proper programs,
9 Congress will create an oversight committee to preside over the budget
10 and ensure its proper use.

11 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect within six months of passage.

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

Introduced by Walker Valley High School

A Bill to Eliminate Agricultural Subsidies

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will gradually reduce spending on agricultural subsidies
3 with a goal of eliminating them.

4 **SECTION 2.** Agricultural Subsidies are defined as payments by the federal government
5 to producers of agricultural products for the purpose of stabilizing food
6 prices.

7 **SECTION 3.** Starting in 2013 agricultural subsidies will be reduced ten percent of
8 current levels every year for the next ten years, with subsidies eliminated
9 entirely in 2022.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted on January 1st 2013.

11 **SECTION 5.** Any remaining money for subsidies will be put towards the national debt.

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

Introduced by Battle Ground Academy.

A Resolution to Start a Research Panel to Determine the Benefits of Stem-Cell Research

- 1 **WHEREAS,** President Obama recently lifted the ban on stem-cell research, yet
2 controversy continues to surround the topic of stem-cell research;
3 and
4 **WHEREAS,** The benefits and risks stem-cells have long been understood; and
5 **WHEREAS,** The result of this misrepresentation has created a divide in both
6 political and scientific communities; and
7 **WHEREAS,** An nonbiased review would determine both the possible uses of
8 stem-cells and the harm that could be caused to or by the cells;
9 therefore, be it
10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled establish a research
11 panel to determine the risks and benefits of each type of stem-cell
12 and publish a detailed report that states the conclusions of the
13 panel.

Introduced by Brentwood High School

A Resolution to Increase Government Funding and Support for NASA

- 1 **WHEREAS**, NASA currently does not have the funding to continue its active programs; and
2 **WHEREAS**, NASA does not have the funds to initiate any new exploratory programs; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Without the funds to start these new programs, manned missions to the Moon,
4 Mars, and other bodies in the Solar System will be impossible; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Without these manned programs, the United States will lose its status as a Global
6 Superpower; and
7 **WHEREAS**, When the United States loses this influence, it is in danger of being surpassed by
8 the other emerging Superpowers; now, therefore, be it
9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled will support a stronger space program;
10 and, be it
11 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That to show this support, more funds must be appropriated to
12 NASA.

Introduced By Walker Valley High School

A Bill to Increase U.S. Funding to AMISOM

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States through the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) will
3 increase funding to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

4 **SECTION 2.** The U.S. Africa Command has an annual budget of \$310 million.
5 Increased funding will enable the command to provide additional training
6 and military hardware to the African nations that provide peacekeepers for
7 the AU Mission in Somalia.

8 **SECTION 3. A.** The Department of Defense will oversee the release of funds to the
9 U.S. Africa Command.

10 **B.** At the start of the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year the Department of Defense
11 will disperse the funds to the U.S. Africa Command. The U.S. Africa
12 Command will then utilize the additional funds to train AU peacekeepers,
13 and provide military hardware, over the course of 12 months.

14 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect on October 1, 2012.

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

Introduced by Earl Devaughn, Northeast High School.

American healthy living bill

1. **Section1:** American Healthy living bill is an act providing for all American tax
2. payers; established to reduce health risks.
3. **Section2:** This bill is to reduce obesity and increase health awareness,
4. providing a \$1,000 annual tax credit for all Americans who show proof of
5. active gym memberships/participation of minimum of 5 hours per week
6. **Section3:** The government agency that will oversee this is the president's
7. counsel on physical fitness and sports. The government agency will be
8. responsible for managing the American healthy living bill.
9. **Section4:** Implementation of this policy will be effective June 1, 2012.
10. **Section5:** All other policies will be null and void effective May 31,2012.