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Resolution to Reform the Homeland Security Advisory System

1 **WHEREAS**, the current color-based advisory system is ineffective; and
2 **WHEREAS**, this current system actually fuels terrorism and is incomprehensive; and
3 **WHEREAS**, there is ambiguity about the proper course of action needed for each threat
4 level;

5 **RESOLVED**, That the Department of Homeland Security submit for approval by
6 Congress a new advisory system that utilizes criteria for different levels,
7 and directions for state governments when the level is changed within 6
8 months upon passage of this resolution; and, be it

9 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the color-based threat advisory system be replaced by
10 the more comprehensive system upon approval of the new advisory
11 system by this Congress.

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13 Introduced by Olmsted Falls

Resolution to Revitalize Haiti

1 **WHEREAS**, the recent earthquakes in Haiti have been absolutely devastating to Haiti;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, this calamity has taken a death toll in the hundreds of thousands and

4 rising; and

5 **WHEREAS**, such a disastrous incident can permanently damage the country, and

6 **WHEREAS**, the current aid is short of what is needed; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled appropriate \$500 Million to the

8 President and the Executive Branch of the federal government to go

9 toward aid, rescue, and reconstruction in Haiti.

10 Introduced by Olmsted Falls

Bill to Implement the Minimum Wage in Prisons

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All convicted felons serving in a federal or state prison who work under
3 the employment of the prison shall be given pay based upon minimum
4 wage standards

5 **SECTION 2.** “Minimum wage standards” shall be defined as follows:

6 **A.** If the felon is serving in a federal prison, they are subject to the federal
7 minimum wage of \$7.25

8 **B.** If the felon is serving in a state prison, they are subject to the
9 minimum wage of the state in which they are serving their sentence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, in conjunction with the Department of Labor,
11 shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2011.

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

14 Introduced by Beachwood High School

Bill to Increase Combative Measures Against HIV and AIDS in Africa

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

2 **SECTION 1.** U.S. will allocate an additional \$150 million over the next three years to
3 combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic throughout the continent of Africa.

4 **SECTION 2.** Combative measures will specifically be defined as providing medical
5 personnel to educate communities about prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, as well
6 as providing medical personnel to both obtain and administer antiretroviral medications.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Center for Disease Control and will oversee the provisions of this
8 legislation and may choose non-governmental agencies as its proxy.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in 2011.

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

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12 Introduced by Beachwood High School

A Bill to End Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1** Whereas the U.S. State Department estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 men women and
3 children are trafficked across international borders annual for sexual exploitation, and
4 that 80 percent of these are women and girls, and 50 percent of them are minors.

5 **SECTION 2** Whereas the United Nations estimates that the market value of illicit human trafficking
6 is \$32 billion, and that each year, more than 2 million children are exploited in the global
7 commercial sex trade.

8 **SECTION 3** Whereas the U.S. State Department ranks sexual trafficking as the third largest criminal
9 commercial enterprise around the globe, and the engine for the spread of HIV and AIDS

10 **SECTION 4** Whereas police officials and legitimate businesses sometimes turn a “blind eye” towards
11 this crime, and some law enforcement officials even solicit or accept bribes to allow sex
12 trafficking to continue, knowing children are being exploited sexually.

13 **SECTION 5** Any law enforcement official found guilty of soliciting or accepting bribes with respect to
14 sexual trafficking will also be charged with the criminal offense of accessory to peonage,
15 obstructing enforcement, and shall be charged with all appropriate penalties listed in
16 Title 18, Part I, Ch. 77, § 1581 of the U.S. Code.

17 **SECTION 6** The CEO, other corporate officers, and the chairs of the Boards of any corporation
18 conducting business in the United States which knowingly profits from any aspect of
19 human trafficking will also be charged with the criminal offense of accessory to
20 peonage, obstructing enforcement, and shall be charged with all appropriate penalties
21 listed in Title 18, Part I, Ch. 77, § 1581 of the U.S. Code.

22 **SECTION 7** This bill takes effect 90 days after passage

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

24 Introduced by Brecksville Broadview Heights HS

A Resolution to Restrict Elderly Driving

1. **Whereas**, according to the Federal Highway Administration, 67% of the elderly
2. population, or 18 million people aged 70 and older drive, and
3. **Whereas**, fatal crash involvement rates for drivers aged 75 and older were nearly as high
4. as those for drivers aged 16-19 years old, and
5. **Whereas**, compared with drivers in the 30-59 age range, drivers aged 60 and older are
6. twice as likely to die in a car accident, and
7. **Whereas**, according to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, safe driving courses
8. for seniors have shown little evidence of being beneficial and have shown no reduction
9. in crash risk among different groups; therefore,
10. **Be it resolved that: Congress will encourage states to ban the elderly aged 65 and**
11. **older from driving.**

Introduced by Solon High School

Resolution to Enforce Polygamy Laws

WHEREAS, Polygamy is illegal in the United States but it is still being practiced by the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) in states such as Utah and Texas;

WHEREAS, This practice has been a third-degree felony since 1962;

WHEREAS, Women and children that are born into polygamous families have no way to escape when they want to; and

WHEREAS, Memoirs and interviews of people who have escaped relay stories of abuse and unfair treatment; and

WHEREAS, The FLDS has become more and more radical over the years to the point where it can be unsafe for women and children;

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled find means to enforce polygamy laws so that it is no longer practiced in the United States.

Introduced by Carrollton High School

A Resolution to Reinstate a Draft in the United States

1. Whereas there is a desperate need for soldiers in the United States Armed Forces
2. in all branches of the military,
3. Whereas soldiers could also be employed in securing the borders of the United
4. States, as police officers, and in humanitarian relief efforts.
5. Whereas other nations currently employ similar systems to enhance the quality of
6. life for their citizens and to strengthen their country
7. Whereas before being put into effect the United States government will first put in
8. place the infrastructure and systems for efficiently utilizing drafted citizens,
9. And citizens who are unable to perform active combat duty can be assigned to
10. serve the military in other capacities
11. Therefore be it resolved that the Student Congress here assembled will advocate
12. for reinstatement of a draft for all able-bodied citizens of appropriate age.

Introduced by University School

A Resolution to Solve the Climate Crisis with China

WHEREAS, the Copenhagen Summit revealed that China and the United States must take a leading role in controlling emissions and discovering alternative energies; and

WHEREAS, peak oil is imminent, necessitating more climate-conscious policies; and

WHEREAS, over-consumption of natural resources endangers the well-being of future generations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled send a delegation of diplomats and environmental experts to meet with their Chinese counterparts to create a mutual agreement on environmental policy change.

Introduced by Gilmour Academy

A Bill to Enact a Value-Added Tax on New Goods and Services

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A 25% value-added tax will be levied on all new goods and services,
3 except for food and prescription drugs, purchased in the United States.

4 Any taxpayer in a household that earns less than \$150,000 annually will
5 be exempt from paying income tax.

6 **SECTION 2.** “New” will be defined as goods or services that are not reused or reusable.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service will be charged with overseeing the value-
8 added tax and collecting income tax. Income tax will only be collected
9 from citizens whose total household income exceeds \$150,000.

10 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2011.

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

12 Introduced by Mentor High School

A Resolution to End the Political Oppression in Iran

WHEREAS, the state of Iran has been experiencing civil and political unrest; and

WHEREAS, this unrest has caused untold numbers of Iranian citizens to suffer injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the regime under Ayatollah Khomeini and President Ahmadinejad has taken control of the country's media; and

WHEREAS, it is inherently unjust to violate the freedom of the press; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled create a Special Commission on Iran, which will work to develop and implement a method to introduce the free press into Iran; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first assignment of these reporters be to investigate the story of the "Green Movement."

Introduced by Gilmour Academy

The Peace and Nonviolence Act of 2010

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

2 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a Department of Peace and Nonviolence,
3 which shall be a cabinet-level department in the executive branch of the
4 Federal Government.

5 **SECTION 2.** Heading this department shall be a Secretary of Peace and Nonviolence,
6 who shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of
7 the Senate.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department shall hold peace as an organizing principle to every level
9 of American society; endeavor to promote justice and democratic
10 principles to expand human rights; strengthen nonmilitary means of
11 peacemaking; work to prevent violence; and encourage the development
12 of initiatives from local and community organizations.

13 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary shall work with each branch of the Federal Government on
14 all policy matters relating to conditions of peace and serve as a delegate to
15 the National Security Council.

16 **SECTION 5.** The Department shall develop policies that address civil rights and human
17 rights issues on the domestic front including but not limited to violence,
18 substance abuse, poverty and tolerance.

19 **SECTION 6.** The Department shall promote the use of peace summits, provide trained
20 personnel for postconflict reconstruction and the enforcement of arms
21 embargoes and advise the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense and
22 United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

23 **SECTION 7.** The Department shall facilitate instruction in the ways of peaceful conflict
24 resolution and proactively engage the critical thinking capabilities of all
25 students and teachers through the Internet and other media to strengthen
26 the education system in the U.S.

27 **SECTION 8.** There shall be in the Department the following offices: An Office for
28 Peace Education and Training; An Office for Domestic Peace Activities;
29 An Office for International Peace Activities; An Office for Technology for
30 Peace; An Office for Arms Control and Disarmament; An Office for
31 Peaceful Coexistence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution; and an Office
32 for Human and Economic Rights.

33 **SECTION 9.** Each office mentioned in Section 8. shall be headed by an individual
34 Assistant Secretary who shall be appointed by the President, by and with
35 the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall report to the Secretary
36 of Peace and Nonviolence.

37 **SECTION 10.** During or after any conflict between the United States and any other
38 entity, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall consult
39 with the Secretary concerning nonviolent means of conflict resolution and
40 upon closure the methods used shall be reviewed.

41 **SECTION 11.** Congress appropriates the equivalent to five percent of the total
42 Department of Defense budget to carry out this bill.

43 **SECTION 12.** The assets and responsibilities of the Peace Corps and the United States
44 Institute of Peace are hereby transferred to the Department.

45 **SECTION 13.** All citizens should be encouraged to observe the International Day of
46 Peace on September 21st.

47 **SECTION 14.** The sections of this legislation will go into affect no later than two years
48 from its passage.

49 **SECTION 15.** All sections of laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared
50 null and void.

51 Introduced by Olmsted Falls HS

A Bill to Combat the Terrorist Threat in Yemen

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Twenty percent of all financial and intelligence-based resources currently
3 being allocated to the reconstruction of Afghanistan shall be reallocated to
4 intelligence operations and reconstruction efforts in the nation of Yemen.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Reconstruction” shall be defined as the creation of infrastructure, as
6 well as political and economic stability within a nation.

7 B. “Intelligence” shall be defined as per the Central Intelligence Agency
8 as the gathering of information relating to the capabilities, intentions, or
9 activities of foreign governments or elements thereof, foreign
10 organizations, or foreign persons.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense, in conjunction with the National Security
12 Council in its entirety, shall oversee the intelligence efforts of this
13 legislation.

14 B. The Department of State shall oversee the reconstruction efforts of this
15 legislation.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be put into effect upon passage and shall be reviewed on a
17 monthly basis by the indicated organizations.

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

19 Introduced by Beachwood HS

A Bill to Expand the Research and Development of Alternative Energies

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

2 **SECTION 1A** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will shift its research and
3 development (R&D) efforts to place priority on alternative energy
4 resources.

5 **SECTION 1B** Alternative energy resources will be defined as any technology that can
6 produce energy from renewable resources.

7 **SECTION 2** The DOE will be required to use two-thirds of any funding received from
8 this bill to carry out the purpose of Section 1A.

9 **SECTION 3** All subsidies to oil companies will be phased out over a twenty (20) year
10 period of time.

11 **SECTION 4** The money left over as a result of eliminating the oil subsidies shall be used
12 for the purposes of funding the DOE.

13 **SECTION 5** DOE funding for R&D efforts will not fall below \$15 billion per year for 20
14 years.

15 **SECTION 6** This bill will take effect with the beginning of Fiscal Year 2011.

16 **SECTION 7** All laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby declared null and void.

17 Introduced by Vermilion HS

A Bill to Legislate Tort Reform by Capping the Amount of Damages

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Whereas, tort is defined as a wrongful act for which damages can be
3 sought by the injured party, and

4 **SECTION 2.** Because medical law suits and other forms of legal action are driving up
5 the cost of health care and inflating costs, awards for non economic
6 damages will now be capped at \$250,000.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Judicial Branch will oversee the enforcement this bill by not allowing
8 the Jury to award more than the capped amount of compensation.

9 **SECTION 4.** The losing party will pay for all legal fees from any lawsuit.

10 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall go into effect six months after passage.

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

12 Introduced by Brecksville-Broadview Hts HS

A Resolution to Abolish Capital Punishment

Whereas, Capital Punishment should be under the bounds of cruel and unusual punishment, and

Whereas, both the United Nations and the European Union have spoken out against such practices and it is in the United States best interest to agree with our allies around the world; and

Whereas, the appeal process for Capital Punishment costs each individual state \$70,000 per appeal; and

Whereas, many sentences can be reversed and it is unethical to sentence an innocent person to death; now, therefore

Resolved, by the Student Congress assembled here that: Capital Punishment be abolished.

Introduced by Rocky River HS

A Bill To Reform the Selective Service System

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2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

3 **SECTION 1:** The inclusion of women shall be added to the Military Selective Service

4 Act of 1967.

5 **SECTION 2:** All rules applied to males shall apply to females as well and the same

6 opportunities shall be presented females of merit as to males of merit.

7 A. Exceptions will be made in cases in which accommodations are

8 physically impossible to fulfill.

9 **SECTION 3:** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.

10 **SECTION 4:** This bill shall affect females born after January 1, 1990.

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

12 Introduced by Solon HS

A Resolution Regarding United States Counter-terrorism Efforts

1 **Whereas,** the United States has invested \$49.8 million for technological components
2 of intelligence including satellites and other eavesdropping technologies;
3 and

4 **Whereas,** amidst increased emphasis on technical intelligence, human-based
5 intelligence capabilities such as analysis and linguist skills have not been
6 prioritized; and

7 **Whereas,** the United States' counter-terrorism efforts abroad have fallen behind
8 domestic counter-terrorism efforts, putting our national security at risk;
9 and

10 **Whereas,** by overhauling the United States intelligence capabilities, our nation can
11 avoid another 9/11 terrorist attack; now, therefore,

12 **Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that:** from 2010-2012, the
13 United States appropriate \$25 million to be used solely to develop and
14 support human-based intelligence; and

15 **Be it further resolved that:** this funding be re-evaluated after a period of two years
16 before its renewal.

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18 Introduced by Magnificat HS

A Bill to Repeal the Policy of Don't Ask Don't Tell

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The Don't-Ask-Don't-Tell policy followed by the U.S. Armed
2. Forces has harmed both the homosexuals and the United States military.
3. **SECTION 2.** The Don't Ask Don't Tell policy will be repealed.
4. **SECTION 3.** Homosexuals will be allowed to serve in all branches of the United
5. States military without any discrimination.
6. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented June 17th, 2010.
7. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
8. and void, and all discriminatory policies or practices of the U.S. armed
9. forces shall be discontinued.

Introduced by University School