

1 **Item#1: A Resolution to Develop America’s Energy Transmission Infrastructure**
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4 Whereas, energy transmission infrastructure in the United States is currently

5 based on a mix of regional transmission networks, and

6 Whereas, growing demand for electricity has added stress to these regional transmission

7 infrastructures, thus increasing the probability of wide-spread black-outs in

8 the United States, and

9 Whereas, according to the Department of Energy, national investment

10 in electricity transmission declined in the last twenty-five years of the 20th

11 century by \$117 million per year, and

12 Whereas, the Department of Energy estimates the U.S. energy infrastructure will

13 require approximately \$100 billion worth of investment over the next

14 decade to meet the growing demands of the U.S. economy, and

15 Whereas, failure to invest in transmission infrastructure will inhibit economic

16 growth, and

17 Whereas, high capacity transmission networks would increase reliability for

18 consumers and significantly decrease power failures, therefore

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association State Student Congress

20 here assembled that the U.S. government invest in expanding national

21 energy transmission capacity under the direction of the Department of

22 Energy.
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24 Respectfully submitted by
25 Winston Churchill High School

1 **Item #2: A BILL TO SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION**

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TFA CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

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6 **Section 1:** Beginning with the 2010 tax year, all full-time public school
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8 teachers shall be exempt from federal income tax.

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10 **Section 2:** Those individuals who have been employed as full-time
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12 teachers for a minimum of five (5) years are eligible for tax exemption.

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14 **Section 3:** Public school employees who do not teach in the classroom
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16 full-time, including librarians, administrators, peer evaluators, and counselors are
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18 not included in the income tax exemption.

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20 **Section 4:** Only those individuals who are employed full time in a public
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22 school district are eligible under this legislation: private school teachers, charter
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24 schools, and non-K-12 learning facilities are not included in this legislation.

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26 **Section 5:** Any teacher exempt from federal tax loses the exemption upon
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28 removal from the classroom, retirement, or change in assignment that results in
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30 that individual no longer being employed as a full time public school teacher.

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32 **Section 6:** Only those individuals who teach academic subjects during the
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34 normal school day are covered under this legislation.

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36 **Section 7:** Individual State Boards of Education shall determine
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38 qualification for income tax exemption for individuals and will rule over disputed
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40 claims. The individual state appeals court system will serve as overseers of State
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42 Education Board rulings.

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45 Respectfully Submitted by,
46 Houston-Memorial High School

Item #3: A Resolution to Promote a Legitimate Workforce

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3 WHEREAS, the Pew Hispanic Research Center estimates the number of individuals
4 working illegally in the United States at over 12 million; and
5 WHEREAS, fake Social Security cards and green cards are becoming easier to obtain;
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7 WHEREAS, businesses currently have relatively little incentive or motivation to ensure
8 that their employees can work legally; and
9 WHEREAS, American citizens and those individuals who have obtained the proper
10 paperwork for legal employment in the United States are losing jobs to a
11 system that lowers wages and cuts into the tax base; and
12 WHEREAS, the E-verify system could easily identify individuals without proper
13 identification; and
14 WHEREAS, Federal contractors and employers are already required to use this system
15 to authenticate the legal status of their workers. Therefore,
16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here
17 assembled that the United States Federal Government require employers
18 to participate in the E-verify system and create penalties for those
19 companies that do not enroll.

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22 Respectfully Submitted by,
23 Hendrickson High School
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Item #4: A Resolution to Ban Foreign Lobbyists

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WHEREAS, lobbyists can operate within the system in ways that experienced diplomats cannot, and

WHEREAS, more than 280 lobbying firms collected \$85 million in fees for representing 340 foreign clients, including governments, government-controlled organizations, political parties, separatist groups and a handful of for-profit firms, and

WHEREAS, the presence of foreign lobbyists in that sector has as much effect in lowering trade barriers against imports in that sector as does the presence of a domestic lobby in raising trade barriers there, and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled that lobbying organizations should not be allowed to accept funds from any foreign government or foreign political organization.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Plano West Sr. High School

Item 5: A Bill to Curb Welfare Abuse

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Those wishing to receive welfare will be subject to unannounced visits to their place of residence and their income taxes will automatically be audited.

SECTION 2. The frequency of these visits shall not exceed six (6) per year and shall be no fewer than three (3) per year determined by the resources of the local agencies.

SECTION 3. Those found to have made illegitimate claims shall be put on a six month probationary period, pending further investigation and if found guilty following this period, will be forced to pay back any monies wrongly accrued.

SECTION 4. This Bill will take effect on the first (1st) of January on the following year that it was passed.

SECTION 5. All legislation in direction conflict with this legislation will become null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Atascocita High School

1 **Item #6: A Resolution to Protect the Traveling Public**

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3 WHEREAS, Many hotels and motels are placing coffee makers in restrooms because of the
4 convenience of water and electricity; and

5 WHEREAS, According to Charles Gerba, Department of Virology and Epidemiology, Baylor College of
6 Medicine, Houston, Texas, each flush of a commode sprays molecules from inside the
7 commode a distance of five or more feet around the commode; and

8 WHEREAS, According to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor there were,
9 approximately 62,000 establishments provided overnight accommodations in 2006 and
10 according to US Hotel Statistics by Smith Travel Report almost 4 million people stay in
11 hotels and motels each year; often consuming coffee that has been prepared within five
12 feet of a flushed commode, and

13 WHEREAS, It is not safe or in the best interest of personal health to consume fecal matter and other
14 germs located within a commode; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that the
16 states use the appropriate departments or agencies to stop the placement of coffee
17 makers in hotel and motel restrooms; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the U.S. Department of **Health** and Human Services prepare information to
19 alert the public of the danger of this practice

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21 Submitted by,
22 Abilene High School
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1 **Item #7: A Resolution to Decrease Wasteful Spending**

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3 Whereas, the United States is a government founded on the principle of checks
4 and balances, and

5 Whereas, the UN has become weak and ineffectual, while organizations like
6 NATO have been very successful, and

7 Whereas, the United States provides 22% of the UN entire funding and floats 26%
8 of funding when it comes to peace keeping operations, and

9 Whereas, the United States sees almost no return on any of this funding, let alone
10 effective use of the spending, and

11 Whereas, the UN's goals are to bring further development and aid to the
12 developing countries, therefore,

13 Be it Resolved, by this Congress here assembled that the United States diverts

14 most of its UN funding to more successful organizations like NATO,

15 that share many of the same goals as the UN.

16 Be it Further Resolved, that in the event these newly funded organizations

17 become ineffectual, the United States will form a new organization in
18 order to fulfill the goals of the UN.

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20 Respectfully Submitted,
21 Southlake Carroll Sr. High

Item #8: A Resolution to Amend the NPT

Whereas: For years, the United States has encouraged India to join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; and

Whereas: In the past, India has opposed joining but has recently shown a willingness to join the NPT, but only as a “nuclear-weapons state”; and

Whereas: India readily admits to owning and testing nuclear weapons; and

Whereas: India has demonstrated responsibility as one of the few countries to have a “no first use” policy; and

Whereas: NPT status for India would serve as a deterrent for Iran regarding NPT violations; and

Whereas: the current definition of “nuclear-weapons state” under the NPT only includes those states that have detonated a nuclear weapon prior to 1967. This definition creates a club of “nuclear haves” while leaving out a longer list of “nuclear have-nots”; therefore

Be it resolved by this group assembled, that the United States advocate and support an amendment to the NPT to allow “nuclear-weapons states” to include those nations that have signed the treaty and demonstrated responsible use of their nuclear abilities.

Submitted by,
Franklin High School

1 **Item#9: A Resolution for Maximum Limitations of Presidential Campaign Funding**
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4 Whereas: In past elections, it has been statistically proven that, the presidential candidates with
5 the most campaign funding win the elections; and

6 Whereas: In the 2000 presidential election, the major candidate that lost, Al Gore,
7 spent a total of one-hundred twenty million thirty-one thousand two-hundred five dollars
8 (\$120, 031, 205) on his election campaign while the winning candidate, George W. Bush, spent a
9 total of one-hundred eighty-five million nine-hundred twenty-one thousand eight-hundred fifty-five
10 dollars (\$185, 921, 855); therefore

11 Be it Resolved by this Congress assembled, that the United States' government should set a
12 maximum campaign budget for all Presidential candidates.

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14 Submitted By
15 Klein High School
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Item # 10: Resolution to Make Preschool Mandatory

WHEREAS, there is a high demand for childcare as an increasing proportion of families have both parents in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, preschool provides mental and social stimulation that is vital to the early development of children; and

WHEREAS, preschool is currently only available to those families who have a suitable income to cover the costs; and

WHEREAS, many young children are excluded from these learning opportunities as their families do not have the required incomes; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Texas Forensic Association Student Congress here assembled that the federal government shall implement mandatory preschool programs for children aged 3-5.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleyville Heritage HS

1 **Item # 11: A Resolution to Consider a Child’s Rights in Custody Battles**

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3 WHEREAS, Many states do not require courts to consider a child’s preference
4 when divorced parents are battling for custody, and

5 WHEREAS, The states that do consider child preference often do so only for
6 children above a certain age, and

7 WHEREAS, Children are the ones with the most firsthand knowledge of what life
8 with each parent is like, and

9 WHEREAS, When both parents are considered equally fit to care for the child,
10 courts will often resort to tiebreakers such as the “Tender Years
11 Doctrine” to decide which parent will win custody. Therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, Courts will be required to give weight to the preference of the child
13 when ruling in custody battles, and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That if both parents are found equally fit to raise a child,
15 and joint custody is not an option, the child will be given the right to
16 decide which parent he or she will live with.

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18 Introduced by,
19 Big Spring High School

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1 **Item #12: A Bill to Eliminate the National Debt**

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

4 Section 1. The US should use all means possible to reduce and eventually eliminate the national
5 debt.

6 Section 2. Over the next 15 years the US will reduce the national debt by one-half.

7 Section 3. Until this reduction is reached, all pet and pork projects will be cut out of all bills prior to
8 being submitted to the president for signing.

9 Section 4. A special division of the OMB will review all bills to ensure that the debt ceiling will never
10 rise above 6 trillion dollars. Any bills which violate this measure will be sent back to the
11 congress for resubmission

12 Section 4. Implementation will occur immediately upon passage.

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

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16 Respectfully Submitted by,

17 Westside HS

1 **Item # 13: A Bill to Provide Educational Benefits to the Dependents of American Military Personnel**

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

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6 SECTION 1. The dependents and spouses of American Military Personnel which
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8 served in war zones will be provided with the necessary funding for
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10 them to obtain a college degree.

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12 SECTION 2. "War Zones" will be defined by the Department of Defense. All
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14 military personnel serving in defined war zones, both combat
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16 personnel and support personnel will be eligible for this program.

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18 SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall have administrative oversight
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20 of this educational program.

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22 SECTION 4. Upon passage, this legislation shall take effect at the beginning of
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24 the next academic year.

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

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31 Respectfully Submitted by:

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33 El Paso High School

Item #14: A Resolution to Make Money Move

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3 WHEREAS, Third-world-borne radicalism is the greatest current military threat to the United States;
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5 WHEREAS, That third-world-borne radicalism is generally born out of extreme poverty and
6 desperation; and
7 WHEREAS, Mercantalist economic policies from the West, including the United States, caused much
8 of the third world to be cut off from real trade, and thus to plunge into poverty; and
9 WHEREAS, Military force has proven ineffective against third-world-borne radicalism, and only breeds
10 hatred against the West and further destroys third-world economies; and
11 WHEREAS, Allowing money-circulation in third-world states is the only way to build their economies,
12 preventing radicalism; and
13 WHEREAS, Present trade restrictions against the third-world from the West, including the United
14 States, make it impossible for the third-world to properly develop economically; therefore,
15 be it
16 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that trade restrictions levied by the United
17 States against third-world nations should be eliminated as soon as possible; and, be it
18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States should encourage its first-world allies to remove their
19 similar trade restrictions.
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21 Respectfully Submitted by,
22 Lake Travis HS

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2 **Item # 15: A Resolution to Protect Freedom of Thought and Integrity of the Courts**
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5 Whereas, In America, the right to freedom of thought is both valued and
6 protected within the First Amendment, and

7 Whereas, Hate crime perpetrators across the United States are being punished for
8 their thoughts, and

9 Whereas, These crimes of thought violate First Amendment rights, be it

10 Resolved That this Student Congress here assembled abolish hate crime
11 legislation, and be it

12 Further Resolved That those individuals receiving extra time for a hate
13 crime have the extra time dropped and those serving the extra time be
14 released.

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16 Submitted by,
17 Coram Deo Academy, Flower Mound

Item #16: A Resolution to Make CFLs Mandatory in Schools

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WHEREAS, there is a current demand for energy; and

WHEREAS, incandescent light bulbs have a short life span and approximately 90% of the power consumed by an incandescent light bulb is emitted as heat, rather than light, which can contribute to global warming; and

WHEREAS, Compact Fluorescent Lamps can generate 7,000 megawatts of electricity; and

WHEREAS, CFLs have a life span of about 10 times longer than incandescent light bulbs; and

WHEREAS, CFLs are cost effective, decrease energy consumption, and reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants; and

WHEREAS, millions of dollars are spent powering schools each year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the recommendation that the use of Compact Fluorescent Lamps be mandatory in all schools.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Alief Kerr HS

1 **Item #17: A Bill to Repeal the Defense of Marriage Act**

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

4 SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall repeal The Defense of Marriage Act;
5 otherwise known as DOMA

6 SECTION 2. Upon Passage of this bill all marriages are to be recognized in all states

7 SECTION 3. The United States federal Government will recognize all same sex marriages and offer
8 benefits to any federal employee

9 SECTION 4. Individual States do not have to allow same sex marriage but must recognize any
10 marriage license issued by other states or the District of Columbia or the Common Wealth
11 of Puerto Rico and extended US territories.

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14 Introduced by,
15 Mayde Creek High school

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Item #18: A Resolution to Break Diplomatic Ties with Israel

2 Whereas, U.S. relations with Israel harm the effectiveness of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle
3 East; and

4 Whereas, Israel represents a large monetary strain currently being imposed upon the U.S.; and

5 Whereas, Israel is unnecessarily the top yearly recipient of U.S. military and economic aid; and

6 Whereas, U.S. relations with Israel force the U.S. to intervene in foreign conflicts abroad;

7 therefore

8 Be it resolved by the Texas Forensics Association Student Congress here assembled that the

9 United States immediately cease all military and civilian aid to Israel; and

10 Be it further resolved by the Texas Forensics Association Student Congress here assembled that

11 the United States break any and all diplomatic ties with the country of Israel with expediency.

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13 Respectfully Submitted by,

14 Flower Mound HS

Item #19: A Resolution to Promote Domestic Drilling

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3 WHEREAS, possibly 16 billion barrels of oil exist beneath the surface in the coastal plains of the
4 ANWR.

5 WHEREAS, even the most modest prediction of oil in the ANWR, 3.5 million barrels, make it the
6 second largest oil field in the United States

7 WHEREAS, drilling would only take up approximately 2,000 out of 19million acres of ANWR's land

8 WHEREAS, 70% of Alaskans favor drilling in the area

9 WHEREAS, possible areas for drilling are almost completely uninhabited by Caribou or any other
10 animals

11 WHEREAS, the process of drilling oil overseas costs millions of Dollars per year due to transportation
12 costs.

13 WHEREAS, the United States is in a recession and drilling oil domestically would create thousands of
14 jobs

15 WHEREAS, the money gained by reducing transportation, creating jobs and keeping the US dollar in
16 the United States would open up a greater future focus on alternative energy

17 RESOLVED, the United States Government will repeal legislation restricting domestic drilling in the
18 United States.

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, the United States Government will substantially increase incentives to drill
20 domestically, especially in the ANWR region, while reducing incentives to outsource oil
21 drilling.

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23 Submitted by,
24 Cypress Ridge High School

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Item #20: A Bill Concerning the American Image

2 Whereas, according to a 2006 article from the International Herald Tribune, multiple nations- such as
3 Spain, Russia, Turkey, and the United Kingdom- which have traditionally held the United States in
4 a high regard have shown plummeting approval rates of the United States, and

5 Whereas, efforts to promote multilateralism in global efforts in critical areas such as environment,
6 economy, and peace require good standing with other nations, and

7 Whereas, according to a 2009 article from the Christian Science Monitor, the United States has lost
8 ranking as a global superpower due to economic recession and massive debt, costing it useful
9 influence in international affairs, and

10 Whereas, according to the Library of Congress, Article Nine of the Japanese constitution renounces war
11 and prohibits Japan from maintaining the war potential leading to a pacifist regime since the
12 passing of that law in 1947,

13 Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the United States repair its global image by
14 adopting a similar defensive-only military policy into its constitution,

15 And be it further resolved that such action will take place by January 1, 2015.

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17 Respectfully submitted by,

18 Caney Creek HS

1 **Item #21: A Bill to Revolutionize Affirmative Action Programs**

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

4 SECTION 1. The United States federal government will immediately change its affirmative action
5 programs' focus from race, ethnicity, physical ability, military status and gender to socio-
6 economic status.

7 SECTION 2. Affirmative action programs will only seek to provide assistance and set aside programs
8 that benefit a person or group of people living at or below the federally defined poverty
9 line.

10 SECTION 3. All government agencies that currently look at minority status to determine federal
11 business will be responsible for implementing the changes to the program.

12 A. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) shall be responsible for
13 investigating claims of abuse of the program and/or discriminatory hiring/firing or
14 admissions practices.

15 B. The EEOC shall be the agency that serves as the internal investigative branch of the
16 federal government's business dealings as they relate to affirmative action and claims
17 of discrimination.

18 SECTION 4. Implementation will begin immediately upon passage.

19 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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21 Introduced by,
22 Cypress Woods High School

Item #22: A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE HOMEWORK

Whereas, the amount of homework for elementary and middle school students is increasing at an alarming rate, and

Whereas, studies have shown no significant academic gains associated with increased homework, and

Whereas, excess homework in early education hurts the parent/child relationship, decreases interest in learning and lowers test scores, and

Whereas, other nations with less homework outperform U.S. schools, and

Whereas, students with learning disabilities are left farther and farther behind.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that legislation should be formulated that phases out all homework in grades K-5 in all U.S. public schools.

Respectfully Submitted,
Newman Smith H.S.

1 **Item #23: A Resolution to reinstate the Gold Standard**

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3 WHEREAS, the gold standard would fixate the value of the American dollar, by creating a constant value
4 of a dollar, creating stable currency for the US,

5 WHEREAS, reinstating this standard would decrease the inflation rate in the US,

6 WHEREAS, while on the gold standard between the years 1880 and 1914 the rate of inflation was 0.1
7 percent per year,

8 WHEREAS, between 1946 and 2003 the US inflation rate rose to 4.1 percent per year,

9 WHEREAS, it would allow for easier currency conversions when trading with foreign countries,

10 WHEREAS, the US dollar decreased 20 percent (when compared to the euro) between March 3, 2009,
11 and December 1, 2009,

12 WHEREAS, this would prevent price fluctuations in the US marketplace,

13 WHEREAS, one gold troy oz. is equal to about \$840.00,

14 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT the US should reinstate
15 the Gold Standard.

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17 Respectfully Submitted by,

18 Jersey Village HS

1 **Item #25: A Bill Regarding State College and University Admissions**

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3 Section 1. Effective January 1, 2011, all state/public colleges and universities shall be limited to
4 admitting incoming nonresident students to no more than twenty-five percent (25%).

5 Section 2. Private schools that do not receive state funding shall be exempt.

6 Section 3. State residents shall receive admission priority. Colleges and universities may not
7 admit in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of their incoming student body in an
8 attempt to charge higher, nonresident tuition.

9 Section 4. Enforcement shall be through state and national Departments of Education.

10 Section 5. Colleges and universities that admit more than twenty-five percent (25%) of
11 nonresidents shall be subject to decreased state funding.

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13 Submitted by
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