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1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 3. A Resolution to Hybridize America**

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WHEREAS, The use of cars running purely on fossil fuels is drastically increasing our dependence on oil; and

WHEREAS, By relying solely on cars that utilize fossil fuels, Americans are perpetuating the demand for oil and depleting the supply; and

WHEREAS, Gas prices in the United States are increasing, as well as the consumption of oil by individuals; and

WHEREAS, The use of Hybrid cars would decrease the total dependence on oil by at least 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, Hybrids can run on alternative fuels, decreasing our dependency on fossil fuels, and increasing the fuel options; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled require the Federal Government to mandate that car manufacturers cease all production of automobiles that run solely on fossil fuels.

Introduced by Centennial High School

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 4. A Resolution to Save America's**
2 **Economy**

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4 **WHEREAS,** The tax code has become too complicated for the average American to
5 interpret; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The operating cost of the IRS is currently approximately 10 billion dollars;
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8 **WHEREAS,** The loopholes for the very wealthy and those who are paid without
9 reporting their income to the IRS, such as prostitutes and drug dealers,
10 have prevented the US Government from collecting fair tax percentages
11 from all Americans; and

12 **WHEREAS,** those who work in the US illegally are not currently paying Federal
13 Income Taxes

14 **WHEREAS,** ; A Federal Income Tax would eradicate over half of the money needed to
15 operate the IRS while collecting taxes from all Americans closing all
16 loopholes; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that a federal sales tax of 17-20 percent
18 on non-food items be implemented to replace the current federal tax
19 structure and procedures.

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21 *Introduced by Plano West Senior High School*
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1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 5. A Resolution to Allow Federal Funding**
2 **for Stem Cell Research**

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4 **WHEREAS**, embryonic stem cells can be developed without harming a fetus; and

5 **WHEREAS**, embryonic stem cell research is an important step in curing ailments such
6 as Parkinson’s and Lou Gehrig’s diseases; and

7 **WHEREAS**, many scientists are currently reluctant to enter research fields where
8 funding is uncertain; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Federal funding would provide an opportunity for stem cell research to
10 flourish; and now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that federal funding for embryonic stem
12 cell research shall be mandated.

13 *Introduced by Arlington High School, Arlington, TX*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 7. A Resolution to End Parental Consent for Teen**

2 **Abortions**

3 **WHEREAS**, there are approximately 39 births per 1,000 teenagers between the
4 ages of 15 and 19;and

5 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 60% of teenage girls' first pregnancies are preceded
6 by experiences of molestation, rape, or attempted rape, creating a strong link
7 between abuse and teen pregnancy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, these girls should be allowed to re-gain their agency over their
9 bodies; and

10 **WHEREAS**, research reveals that 19% of Caucasian girls, 51% of African
11 American girls, and 53% of Hispanic girls will become pregnant during their
12 teenage years; and

13 **WHEREAS**, when a teen gives birth and keeps the baby, she is much more
14 likely to drop out of school, receive inadequate prenatal care, rely on government
15 funds to raise her child, develop health problems, and have her marriage end in
16 divorce; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled, that parental consent
18 requirements for teen abortions should be abolished.

19 *Introduced by Lamar Consolidated High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 8. A Resolution to minimize the use**
2 **of antibiotics in the meat industry**

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4 **WHEREAS,** Seventy percent of all antibiotics used in the United States goes to food
5 animal production; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The meat industry use antibiotics to promote the growth of cows and pigs
7 rather than to treat illnesses; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The overuse of antibiotics has led to the development of antibiotic
9 resistant microbes that kill over 100,000 people each year; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled require that antibiotics be used
12 by the food industry only to treat sick animals; and, be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** all antibiotics used in the meat industry be administered by a
14 licensed veterinarian.

15 *Introduced by Harker Heights High School*

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1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 10. A Bill Making all Convicted**
2 **Felons who die in Prison Mandatory Organ Donors**

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

6 **SECTION 1.** All prisoners in the United States convicted of felonies shall be listed as an
7 organ donor in the national registry until such time as they have served the
8 time sentenced for their crimes.

9 **SECTION 2.** Upon release from their sentence, they may submit a request removing
10 themselves from the national registry.

11 **SECTION 3.** Those prisoners who die while serving their sentences will have all usable
12 organs donated for use by the national registry.

13 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage of this bill, all prisoners in the United States will be entered
14 into the national registry.

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

16 *Introduced by Hallsville High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 12. A Resolution to Pass SKFTA**

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3 **WHEREAS**, free trade is proven to add global stability; and

4 **WHEREAS**, South Korea has been a major trading partner with the United States for
5 several years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) would provide jobs and add to our GDP;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, a FTA would improve our relations and influence within volatile region of
9 East Asia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a South Korea Free Trade Agreement could lead to easier ratification of
11 other important FTAs such as Columbia; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the South Korean Free Trade
13 Agreement be passed.

14 *Introduced by Douglas MacArthur High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 19. A Resolution to Ratify the**
2 **KORUS Free Trade Agreement**

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4 **WHEREAS,** The United States is facing an economic crisis; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Nations are expected to pass the United States as the world's leading
6 economy in the next century; and

7 **WHEREAS,** South Korea has nations around it that have proven themselves to be
8 hostile; and

9 **WHEREAS,** South Korea's economy is heavily trade dependent; and

10 **WHEREAS,** This would increase US presence in East Asia

11 **WHEREAS,** South Korea has the world's 15th largest economy; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled ratify the KORUS FTA

13 *Introduced by Houston Lamar*
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1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 20. A Resolution on Pakistan**

2 **WHEREAS**, Osama Bin Laden has been found in Pakistan; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the nation has been known to hide information on terrorist related

4 activities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, some Pakistani military officials have been caught collaborating with

6 members of Al Qaida; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Pakistan does seem to become a growing threat to the United States

8 national security; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Pakistani government seems to be increasingly unstable; now,

10 therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that Pakistani foreign aid will only be

12 sent to fund anti-poverty and education programs for all citizens until the

13 nation cooperates fully on anti-terrorism efforts ; and let it be

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Pakistani government uses foreign aid on military

15 programs all aid will be stopped immediately until the nation agrees fully

16 with our conditions.

17 *Introduced by Mayde Creek High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 21. A Resolution to prevent the need**
2 **for future bank bail outs**

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4 **WHEREAS,** Recent bank bail outs cost the American taxpayers billions of dollars; and

5 **WHEREAS,** The current plan to break up and divest the assets of failing banks will
6 not be successful if multiple banking giants experience problems
7 at the same time; and

8 **WHEREAS,** The only competitive advantage for a bank to control over \$100 billion in assets is
9 the reassurance that the government will consider it “too big to fail”; and

10 **WHEREAS,** The expectation of being bailed out by the government leads the
11 banking giants indulge in poor business practices; now therefore let it be

12 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled follow the lead of the United Kingdom
13 and cap the size of banks at \$100 billion in assets.

14 *Introduced by Harker Heights High School*
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1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 22. A Resolution to Stop Making the Penny**

2 1 **WHEREAS**, the U. S. economy is recovering from a serious economic recession;

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4 3 **WHEREAS**, since 2006 the cost to manufacture the penny has been greater than the
5 4 face value of the coin due to rising metal prices; and

6 5 **WHEREAS**, the manufacturing cost has been steadily rising, reaching 1.79 cents to
7 6 make each penny in 2010; and

8 7 **WHEREAS**, it has been estimated that the United States wastes \$900 million a year
9 8 on penny production and handling; and

10 9 **WHEREAS**, the penny is no longer useful in today's society; and

11 10 **WHEREAS**, other countries have been able to eliminate their one-cent coin without
12 11 problems; now, therefore, be it

13 12 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled, that the United States should end
14 13 the production of the penny.

15 *Introduced by Lamar Consolidated High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 24. A Resolution to Protect Water Rights**

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3 **WHEREAS**, the 14th amendment to the constitution of the United State states that it
4 “forbids states from denying any person "life, liberty or property, without
5 due process of law”; and

6 **WHEREAS**, current water rights exist according to necessity and are typically dictated
7 by the individual state; and

8 **WHEREAS**, water is a necessity; and

9 **WHEREAS**, many states are drafting or trying to enact legislation that plans to establish
10 fees for property owners to use their own well; and

11 **WHEREAS**, these fees would directly violate the 14th amendment by taking property
12 rights with out due process of law and override current water rights;
13 therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the federal government will make
15 placing a fee on owners of wells using their water by any state legislation
16 illegal.

17 *Introduced by Granbury High school*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 26. A Resolution to Spur the**
2 **Development of African Trade**

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4 **WHEREAS**, Africa has a wellspring of natural and human resources that have been relatively
5 untapped by the international arena until recent years;

6 **WHEREAS**, Almost a million Chinese businessmen and workers have relocated themselves to
7 Africa in recent years;

8 **WHEREAS**, The Chinese administration has sought business ties in Africa with increasing
9 interest;

10 **WHEREAS**, African ports are among the least secure and developed in the world and pose a
11 security risk for future import of narcotics and illegal weapons to the United
12 States;

13 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States government will lift or
14 reduce all restrictions on trade, with an exception of restrictions that control
15 quality or govern safety, between the United States and African countries
16 currently receiving aid or may have potential for port development. Exclusions
17 are countries that currently harbor American troops for non-peacekeeping
18 activities, are led by leaders condemned by the United States government, or do
19 not have ongoing diplomatic ties with the United States;

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the United States send aid or low-interest loans, overseen by
21 United States government-appointed commissions, to African countries that are
22 eligible as determined by previously listed attributes and are wholly receptive to
23 port-development plans. Allocated funds will go to, and only to, the rehabilitation
24 or construction ports, the training of responsible port inspectors and management,
25 and the modernization of security technology and methodologies.

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27 *Submitted by Plano Senior High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 28. A Resolution to Lift the Cuban**
2 **Embargo**

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4 WHEREAS, the Cuban embargo has had detrimental effect to the human rights of Cuban
5 citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States has lost a potential trade partner in Cuba, especially that
7 of oil; and

8 WHEREAS, Raul Castro is willing to enter into diplomatic talks with the United States;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the Cuban embargo is no longer needed to fulfill its Cold War purpose; so
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the Cuban Embargo enacted by the
13 United States be lifted.

14 *Introduced by Seven Lakes High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 29. A Bill to Add Siblings to the FMLA**

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3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

4 **SECTION 1.** Siblings are hereby included as eligible “immediate family” for the Family
5 Medical Leave Act benefits.

6 **SECTION 2.** A person who has been employed for twelve months is eligible for up to
7 twelve months of unpaid leave to care for a sibling.

8 **SECTION 3.** Medical Insurance must not be discontinued due to absence from
9 employment due to circumstances related to Family Medical Leave that
10 relates to the care of a sibling.

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.

13 *Introduced by Plano West Senior High School*

1 **TFA Fall 2011 Item 30. A Resolution to Transition Away From**
2 **Nuclear Power**

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4 **WHEREAS,** In light of catastrophic events in Japan regarding the dangers of nuclear
5 energy; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Over 65 nuclear power plants in the United States are near areas
7 frequently hit by natural disasters; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Power plants pose a significant threat to the United States in the event a
9 natural disaster damages a power plant; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear power has created a large amount of hazardous waste; and

11 **WHEREAS,** American citizens living near nuclear power plants have a high risk of
12 cancer and other health risks; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled require the Federal Government to
14 begin a steady transition away from nuclear power to a safer alternative
15 energy source.

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23 *Introduced by Centennial High School*
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