

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 1. A Resolution Concerning Freedom of Speech

1. **Whereas**, During the Civil War and World War I and II, the government executed the war
2. rapidly and efficiently when Freedom of the Press was regulated; and,
3. **Whereas**, Freedom of the Press during wartime creates a gap between the government and
4. people, and also creates wide economic, social, and political tension; and,
5. **Whereas**, Freedom of the Press also distracts the Federal Government from getting anything
6. done during a time of crisis; and,
7. **Whereas**, Uncontrolled Freedom of the Press led to the prolonged Cold War, and the
8. unfinished Viet-Nam war, due to the controversial media; therefore, be it
9. **Resolved**, By the Student Congress Here Assembled that: the United States Federal
10. Government will amend the Constitution, at which it shall gain the power to
11. Regulate anything published, as soon as, Congress signs a Declaration of War,
12. the power will become null and void during peacetime, be it
13. **Further Resolved** that: the internet will be under limited regulation by the Federal
14. Communications Commission, under the aforementioned parameters

*Respectfully Submitted By,
Westfield High School*

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 2. A Resolution to Leave Behind *No Child Left Behind*

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2 **WHEREAS**, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires all public schools to administer a
3 state-wide standardized test to students. The scores are used to determine
4 whether a teacher/ school is teaching students well; and

5 **WHEREAS**, if the school's scores are repeatedly poor, then a series of steps are taken
6 for improvement. Schools that score low for a second consecutive year are
7 publicly labeled as being "in need of improvement" and must develop a
8 two-year plan to improve the subject; and

9 **WHEREAS**, standardized testing, being the way teachers are evaluated, encourages
10 teachers to teach a narrow subset of skills that the teacher believes will
11 increase test performance, rather than focus on acquiring deep
12 understanding of the full, broad curriculum; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the one-size-fits-all assessment requirements-annual testing in reading and
14 math and periodic testing in science-and the accountability provisions
15 attached to them are rigid, harmful, and ultimately unworkable; and

16 **WHEREAS**, NCLB requires states to develop assessments in basic skills to be given to
17 all students in certain grades, if those states are to receive federal funding
18 for schools; and

19 **WHEREAS**, test results are often used for incentive pay and can affect teacher
20 performance ratings and school funding; now, therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that the No Child Left Behind Act should
22 be abolished.

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24 *Introduced by Granbury High School*

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 3. A Resolution to Privatize the Postal System

1 **WHEREAS**, the public postal system is currently diminishing compared to private
2 postal systems; and

3 **WHEREAS**, competition creates quality and affordability; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there are already many successful private postal companies; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the postal system is diminishing because of new digital technologies; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the original purpose of the public postal system was as a public service
7 that can now be provided for by private companies; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States federal government
9 shall abolish the postal service.

Introduced by Vines High School

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 6. A Bill to discontinue Federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

1. Section 1. Federal funds allocated to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting shall be prohibited
2. after fiscal year 2013.
3. Section 2. The Communications Act of 1934 will be amended to reflect the provisions in Section 1.
4. Section 3. Any other laws that are in conflict will be considered null and void

Submitted by Bellaire High School

**TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 7. A Resolution to Make Civil Unions/Domestic Partnerships
Uniform throughout the U.S.**

1. **WHEREAS**, Keeping the legal rights of civil unions different from marriage
2. rights goes against the fourteenth amendment,
3. **WHEREAS**, today the extent of the rights accompanied with Civil Unions/
4. Domestic Partnerships are decided by each state and all are different.
5. **WHEREAS**, a same sex couple that moves from one states to another with a
6. Civil Union could lose the right granted to them by the Civil Union
7. if that state does not grant Civil Unions,
8. **WHEREAS**, the 2000 Census tells is that 595,000 consisting of same sex
9. partners in the U.S.,
10. **WHEREAS**, changing Civil Unions/Domestic Partnerships allows same sex
11. partners the rights to the same tax, estate, government, employment,
12. medical, death, family, housing, consumer, and other legal benefits
13. and protections, and those in a heterosexual marriage; now,
14. therefore, be it
15. **RESOLVED** by the house here assembled that Civil Unions/ Domestic
16. Partnerships become uniform throughout the U.S. by granting the
17. same legal rights as granted by marriage.

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 8. A Bill to Invest in Military Safety Technology

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE
2. ASSEMBLED THAT:
3. **SECTION 1.** A new program will be started to distribute, research and
4. syndicate technology to protect United States troops; one (1) billion
5. dollars shall be added to the current budget of military research to be
6. used for both the research and creation of said technologies.
7. **SECTION 2.** This new technology includes but is not limited to
8. enhanced body armor, more efficient bomb detection equipment, and
9. safer bomb defusing equipment.
10. **SECTION 3.** The United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines
11. will provide engineers and other personnel to create a joint-effort team.
12. If there need be a de facto leader, the U.S. Marines will lead the team.
13. In order to not limit the progress that can be made, the research team
14. will be allowed to request more money. If additional funds are
15. requested, Congress must vote again to allow more money to be
16. invested.
17. **SECTION 4.** The research team will be assembled within one year of
18. this bill's passing.
19. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
20. declared null and void.

Introduced By Northland Christians School

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 9. A Resolution to have mandatory recycling in companies, business, and schools

1 **WHEREAS**, since 1980, the generation of municipal solid waste has grown by 60%,
2 nearly 246 million tons per year in 2005; and
3 **WHEREAS**, at about 36 percent, paper and paperboard products constitute the largest
4 portion of the MSW stream; and
5 **WHEREAS**, Americans generated nearly 82 million tons of paper products in the MSW
6 stream in 2001; and
7 **WHEREAS**, every year, Americans throw away enough paper and plastic cups, forks,
8 and spoons to circle the equator 300 times; and
9 **WHEREAS**, in 2008, the average amount of waste generated by each person in
10 America per day was 4.5 pounds. 1.1 pounds of that was recycled. In total,
11 only 24.3% of waste was recycled; and
12 **WHEREAS**, airports and airlines recycle less than 20 percent of the 425,000 tons of
13 passenger-related waste they produce each year; and
14 **WHEREAS**, every year, Americans use approximately 1 billion shopping bags, creating
15 300,000 tons of landfill waste; and
16 **WHEREAS**, during 2009's International Coastal Cleanup, the Ocean Conservancy
17 found that plastic bags were the second-most common kind of waste
18 found, at one out of ten items picked up and tallied; now, therefore, be it
19 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that, beginning October 2011, the
20 recycling of any and all recyclable materials shall be required by law for
21 public schools and businesses.

Introduced by Granbury High School

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 10. A Resolution to Decrease Violent Crime

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The drug wars in Mexico have led to over 3000 homicides in Juarez,
2 Mexico; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Juarez borders the city of El Paso, Texas; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, Concerns regarding the safety of United States citizens living in border
5 towns has increased due to the control gained by the Mexican Drug
6 Cartels; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, The Mexican government has asked for help from the United States to
8 fight their war on drugs; and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, Drug abuse is directly linked to increased crime in addition to the crime
10 increase by the trafficking of those drugs now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States move
12 toward a more active role in capturing and prosecuting drug trafficking
13 through the Mexican-American border.

Respectfully submitted by Plano West Senior High School

TFA Fall 2011 Item 11. A Resolution to Aid the Nation of Yemen

1 **WHEREAS**, The government and economy Yemen is spiraling into complete ruin and it
2 seems inevitable that Yemen will soon become a failed state; and

3 **WHEREAS**, A water crisis has erupted inside the country as many aquifers and basins
4 have been completely depleted; and

5 **WHEREAS**, A new branch of Al Qaeda called Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula
6 (AQAP) has taken root in Yemen and is considered a deadlier threat than
7 all the other Al Qaeda branches by many experts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The international community has been slow and reluctant to help support
9 or provide aid for the Yemen government; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The Yemen government is caught in intense riots and the Yemeni dictator
11 is rapidly losing popularity; and

12 **WHEREAS**, UNICEF has reported concern on the health and wellbeing of the Yemeni
13 children and innocent civilians caught in the turmoil; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Failure to prop up such an ailing nation could have long term catastrophic
15 results or create another Somalia-like country; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the US government send economic
17 aid to international humanitarian organizations in Yemen currently.

18 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the United States encourage stabilization of the Yemeni
19 government by asking opposition parties to meet at Washington DC this
20 fall to discuss a peaceful negotiation and compromise for the country's
21 future.

Introduced by Plano Senior High School

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 12. A Bill to Prevent Meningitis

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All first year college students will be immunized against meningitis.

3 **SECTION 2.** Although many junior high school students are immunized, there has been
4 a rash of outbreaks at colleges both domestic and foreign. The virus is
5 spread through contact with infected persons and contaminated surfaces.

6 **SECTION 3. A.** Students entering their first year of college will be required to receive
7 immunization.

8 **B.** If students can demonstrate financial need, then they will be provided
9 an immunization free of charge.

10 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect at the beginning of 2012 school year.

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

Introduced by Arlington High School, Arlington, TX

TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 13. A Bill to Change Federal Official's Term Length

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The president shall be restricted to one non-renewable term.

3 **SECTION 2.** The president's term shall be extended to 6 years in length.

4 **SECTION 3.** Members of the House of Representatives shall have terms extended to 4
5 years in length.

6 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect starting with the 2016 federal election.

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

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Introduced by Cypress Creek High School

**TFA Fall 2011 Supp Item 14. A Resolution to Impose Economic
Sanctions on
Venezuela**

1 **WHEREAS**, the country of the United States is heavily dependent on Venezuelan Oil;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS**, Venezuela receives \$150 billion from the United States in Oil trading every

4 year; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Venezuela has access to uranium but does not have the money to build a

6 nuclear program; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States' growing dependence on Venezuelan Oil is pushing

8 money into Venezuela; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Venezuelan government would use this money to create a strong

10 nuclear program; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Venezuela's resentment against the United States has grown in recent

12 years; and

13 **WHEREAS**, resentment is putting the American people's lives at risk; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Economic Sanctions have proven to be effective in deterring the creation

15 of nuclear programs before; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States imposes Economic

17 Sanctions on the country of Venezuela immediately.

Introduced by Cinco Ranch High School