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## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 1. A Bill to Renew Relations with India**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall send aid to the Republic of India for the purposes of aiding  
3 American interests in Afghanistan

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The aid shall be funded through appropriating the \$800 million expropriated from the  
5 Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act in 2011 and an additional \$500 million dollars.

6 B. The aid will be appropriated as such:

7 i. \$600 million will be appropriated to the Indian Military for training  
8 Afghan security forces.

9 ii. \$200 million will be appropriated to USAID to promote rural  
10 Development in India

11 iii. \$500 million will be appropriated to the Indian Border Roads  
12 Organization to link Indian military bases with American supply lines  
13 in Afghanistan.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State (DoS) shall be responsible for enforcing the appropriation of  
15 military aid

16 i. The DOS bureau of Political Military Affairs shall set the policy  
17 outlined in Section 2 §B(1) and §B(iii)

18 ii. The DOS Defense Security Cooperation Agency shall manage  
19 military aid on a day to day basis.

20 iii. Non-Military aid defined in Section 2 §B(ii) shall be administered by  
21 USAID.

22 B. Both houses of Congress shall appoint members to a joint committee to annually  
23 review the efficacy of the aid

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

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

*Introduced by. Southlake Carroll*

**TFA Spring 2012 Item 2. A Bill to Reduce the Power of the EPA to Encourage Business Growth**

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

2 **1. SECTION 1.** The EPA will be required to consolidate all of its annual report  
3 forms that businesses must submit into a single consolidated report. Also,  
4 the EPA will divide all business operations into categories of high and low  
5 environmental impact, and regulations must be applied in a graduated  
6 manner.

7 **3. SECTION 2.** High impact business operations will have more frequent  
8 enforcement checks and greater regulatory stringency than low impact  
9 businesses.

10 **4. SECTION 3.** The EPA will perform these internal reforms with direct  
11 Congressional oversight. If the expectations of Congress are not met  
12 within two years, then funding then the EPA will have its funding  
13 revoked. These internal reforms will be performed with the existing  
14 budget of the EPA, and any other funds needed will be reallocated from  
15 enforcement efforts.

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17 **8. SECTION 4.** These reforms are to be completed by November 1, 2013

18 **9. SECTION 5.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy

19 **10.** shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by Bellaire High School*

### **TFA Spring 2012 Item 3. A Resolution to Allow Federal Funding for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Production and Infrastructure Development**

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States government spends upwards of \$700 billion a year on  
2 importing foreign fuel; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, the next logical step is to provide our own fuel and power; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, the hydrogen fuel cell emits no greenhouse gases but only water; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, the H<sub>2</sub>FC has the potential to fulfill all the United States energy needs; and  
6 **WHEREAS**, the H<sub>2</sub>FC has been nearly perfected by modern science; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, hydrogen is the most abundant element in nature; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, the extraction of H<sub>2</sub> costs about the same as or less than refining  
9 petroleum; and  
10 **WHEREAS**, the production and development of an H<sub>2</sub>FC infrastructure would be  
11 beneficial to the U.S. economy; now, therefore, be it  
12 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled that the Federal Government allow  
13 funding for the development of an H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure and for the production  
14 of H<sub>2</sub>FC's.

*Introduced by Arlington High School, Arlington, TX*

**TFA Spring 2012 Item 4. A Resolution to Designate Venezuela as a  
State Sponsor of Terrorism**

1 **WHEREAS,** the government of Venezuela gives political, financial, and logistical  
2 support to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a  
3 terrorist group responsible for various forms of narco-terrorism, including  
4 kidnappings, murders, and property damage, that are destabilizing  
5 democracy in Colombia by limiting the ability of the Colombian  
6 government to protect and govern its people; and

7 **WHEREAS,** the government of Venezuela gives financial support to Hezbollah, a  
8 terrorist group that resorts to violent actions around the globe, including  
9 suicide bombings, kidnappings, and murders, to promote its anti-Israeli  
10 and anti-American agenda; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Venezuela cooperates significantly with Iran, a state sponsor of terrorism  
12 that financially and politically aids Hezbollah and attempts to spread  
13 anti-American sentiment to various countries throughout the Middle East;  
14 and

15 **WHEREAS,** all states designated as State Sponsors of Terrorism are subject to arms  
16 embargoes, import restrictions, financial aid restrictions, and limited  
17 economic interaction with the United States; and

18 **WHEREAS,** such restrictions would limit Venezuela's ability to continue to politically  
19 and financially support these dangerous terrorist organizations; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the Secretary of State is strongly  
22 encouraged to add Venezuela to the United State Department of State's  
23 list of State Sponsors of Terrorism.





14 **TFA Spring 2012 Item 7. A Resolution to Ban Domestic Use**  
15 **of CS Gas by Law Enforcement**

16 **WHEREAS**, Law enforcement has often used CS gas, commonly referred to as tear gas,  
17 to eradicate victims from buildings and infrastructure, and disperse  
18 protests and riots; and

19 **WHEREAS**, CS gas for military and warfare use is currently prohibited under the 1997  
20 Chemical Weapons Convention, yet is widely and frequently used within  
21 the United States to break up demonstrations held by citizens; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Though it is claimed to be “nonlethal”, CS gas has been shown to have the  
23 likely potential to instill short term and long term medical conditions that  
24 may lead to death, and in some cases can be immediately lethal to those  
25 with existing medical conditions or those who are subject to it in high  
26 concentrations; and

27 **WHEREAS**, None of the CS agents sold for police purposes are monitored, tested or  
28 regulated by any government agency for consistency, purity, toxicity or  
29 efficacy; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Many reports have linked CS to miscarriages and, when metabolized, CS  
31 leaves cyanide within human tissue; and

32 **WHEREAS**, With the recent, widespread activity of the Occupy movement, the Tea  
33 Party movement, and other such groups, CS gas use has the potential and  
34 likelihood of rising dramatically, affecting a larger quantity and range of  
35 people; now, therefore, be it

36 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the domestic use of CS gas by law  
37 enforcement or military personnel against protests, demonstrations, and  
38 other nonviolent gatherings of similar interest groups, be banned and  
39 prohibited.

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41 *Introduced by Winston Churchill High School*  
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16 **TFA Spring 2012 Item 9. A Resolution to Declare War on Iran**

1 **WHEREAS**, The Iranian Government has supported and helped the enemies of the  
2 United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The sanctions placed on Iran have not made it clear that the Iranian  
4 government needs to be reformed; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Iran is continuing research on the development on Weapons of Mass  
6 Destruction; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The Iranian government is becoming more hostile; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The U.S, Europe, and Asia are concerned for the security of Israel ; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the policies and moves Iran makes are unpredictable; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Extremist and terrorist organizations are starting to use Iran as a safe haven  
11 from the U.S military; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States formally declare  
13 war on Iran and topple the current regime in Iran

*Introduced by Mayde Creek High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 10. A Resolution to Modernize the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986**

1 **WHEREAS,** The Electronic Communications Privacy Act is outdated; and

2 **WHEREAS,** the government is allowed to engage in information about who you are,  
3 where you go, and what you do, that is being collected by cell phone  
4 providers, search engines, social networking sites, and other websites  
5 every day; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The Founding Fathers recognized that citizens in a democracy need  
7 privacy for their "persons, houses, papers, and effects."; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Location as transmitted cell phone is clearly personal information, and  
9 Government officials should have to obtain a warrant based on probable  
10 cause before accessing it; and

11 **WHEREAS,** Americans shouldn't have to choose between new technology and privacy;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled modernize The Electronic  
14 Communications Privacy Act limiting the gathering of private information  
15 and or location from internet or cell phone use..

*Introduced by Grapevine High School*

**TFA Spring 2012 Item 11. A Resolution to Withdraw Military Presence in South Korea**

1   **WHEREAS**, the United States Forces Korea was created in 1953 after the Korean War  
2                                   in order to maintain a military alliance between Korea and the US   ; and  
3   **WHEREAS**, currently around 28,500 troops are currently stationed in South Korea; and  
4   **WHEREAS**, bases are kept in order to maintain security in South Korea and deter  
5                                   nuclear or conventional attack from North Korea   ; and  
6   **WHEREAS**, around \$15 to \$20 billion are currently sent each year to defend South  
7                                   Korea   ; and  
8   **WHEREAS**, North Korea relations and restrictions on nuclear agreement are currently  
9                                   degrading due to military support of South Korea; now, therefore, be it  
10   **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States withdraws all  
11                                   troops stationed in South Korea during the next four years.

*Introduced by Jasper High School*



## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 13. A Resolution to Confront Syria**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Syrian government is limiting free speech by cracking down on  
2 opposition parties; and  
3 **WHEREAS**, President Obama has voiced his warnings against the Syrian government  
4 multiple times; and  
5 **WHEREAS**, rebel armies have risen up against Syria in Turkey and Syria; and  
6 **WHEREAS**, Syrian security forces have killed hundreds of protestors; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, the US ambassador has been forced to leave after multiple anonymous  
8 threats; and  
9 **WHEREAS**, protests in the Arab world have been successful in the past with the  
10 backing of the UN; now, therefore, be it  
11 **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled urge the United Nations to  
12 create a no fly zone over Syria so that NATO may conduct airstrikes in the  
13 region

*Introduced by (Houston) Lamar*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 14. A Resolution to Prohibit the Creation of State Laws Pertaining to the Regulation of Illegal Immigration**

1   **WHEREAS,** The United States currently has eleven million illegal immigrants in the  
2                   nation and receives a significant increase in such population each year;  
3                   and

4   **WHEREAS,** In an initiative to resolve this particular issue laws passed in several states  
5                   in our nation like Arizona Senate Bill 1070 (SB1070) and Alabama House  
6                   Bill 56 (HB56) have been unconstitutional; and

7   **WHEREAS,** Immigration falls within the sphere of the federal government and any  
8                   state that attempts to contradict the government on how to enforce national  
9                   immigration law is in danger of incurring the attitudes of an  
10                  unconstitutional act; and

11   **WHEREAS,** it is critical that a just and protective law be extended across the entire  
12                  nation to prevent further disagreements among the states; now, therefore,  
13                  be it

14   **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that state laws pertaining to resolve the  
15                  issue of immigration should be prohibited and limited only to the federal  
16                  government, in order to ensure that our nation is all at the same level in the  
17                  comprehension of the particular issue of illegal immigration and the need  
18                  of a just law that promotes the well-being.

*Introduced by Robert E. Lee High School (San Antonio)*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 15. A Resolution to Mandate the Jury Patriotism Act**

1 **WHEREAS**, the right to a trial by jury is one of our nation’s most valued liberties; and  
2 **WHEREAS**, the right to a representative jury, which is critical to decision making in all  
3 trials, is being threatened by the lack of people attending jury service; and  
4 **WHEREAS**, jurors are generally paid an average of \$15 for each day of jury service,  
5 and as little as 32 cents per mile driven to the courthouse; and  
6 **WHEREAS**, most people skip jury duty due to loss of income and time constraints; and  
7 **WHEREAS**, people who are caught skipping jury duty are often let go with no penalty  
8 or, at worst, a fine of \$250; and  
9 **WHEREAS**, there are many examples of poor jury duty turnout, according to the records  
10 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, in one year only 441,123  
11 people reported to jury duty out of the 2.9 million summons originally  
12 issued; and  
13 **WHEREAS**, the Jury Patriotism Act not only pays jurors more for their participation in  
14 trials but also allows for one “postponement” of jury service within six  
15 months to make it easier for people to attend jury duty; and  
16 **WHEREAS**, the Jury Patriotism Act has already been implemented in eight states, such  
17 as Arizona and Kansas, and those states have already shown an increase in  
18 jury duty responses; now, therefore, be it  
19 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Jury Patriotism Act be mandated  
20 in all 50 states that comprise the United States.

*Introduced by Midland Christian School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 16. A Resolution to Liberate Africa**

1 **WHEREAS**, African nations have incurred massive debt to organizations such as the  
2 International Monetary Fund and World Bank; and

3 **WHEREAS**, This aid has been largely ineffective at producing genuine prosperity  
4 within African nations; and

5 **WHEREAS**, This lack of prosperity makes it highly unlikely that this debt can ever be  
6 paid back; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The presence of this unpayable debt permanently shackles African nations  
8 to the West's interests; and

9 **WHEREAS**, The United States has by far the most influence on the organizations  
10 largely ; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States will absolve all  
12 African nations of their obligation to repay debt incurred to the United  
13 States, along with any interest on that debt; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the United States use its influence in  
15 organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the World  
16 Bank to encourage these organizations and other creditor nations to do the  
17 same.

*Introduced by Flower Mound HS*

**TFA Spring 2012 Item 17. A Resolution to raise Federal  
Funding for Alzheimer’s Research**

1 **WHEREAS**, According to recent estimates, as many as 5.1 million Americans have  
2 Alzheimer’s disease; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer’s disease remains one of the most critical unaddressed public  
4 health issues in America; and

5 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Census Bureau has estimated that by the year 2050, one in five  
6 Americans will be 65 years old or older; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Alzheimer’s is extremely prevalent among those who are 60 years or older;  
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, The costs for Alzheimer's care and services continue to rise, straining our  
10 overwhelmed health care system and threatening to bankrupt Medicare  
11 and Medicaid. Now therefore be it;

12 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that federal funding for Alzheimer’s  
13 research be increased to 1 billion dollars

*Introduced by Northwest High School.*

**TFA Spring 2012 Item 18. A Resolution to Decommission the  
EPA**

1 **WHEREAS**, the EPA is given \$10.5 billion by the United States to operate; and  
2 **WHEREAS**, the EPA ignored air quality tests in California and caused many health  
3 problems; and

4 **WHEREAS**, after 9/11 the EPA issued a false report on the asbestos levels in the  
5 surrounding area; and

6 **WHEREAS**, EPA has made certain chemicals illegal which has led to a significant  
7 decrease in the quality of life; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy is more than capable of managing our  
9 environmental and energy resources and regulations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the EPA is a significant and costly barrier to investment and innovation in  
11 the private sector; and

12 **WHEREAS**, 400,000-600,000 jobs will be lost because of the EPA by 2020 ; therefore,  
13 be it

14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Environmental Protection  
15 Agency be decommissioned

*Introduced by The Parish Episcopal School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 19. A Bill to Ban the Execution of Minors**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A minor convicted of a capital crime shall be declared an ineligible  
3 candidate for capital punishment.

4 **SECTION 2.** “A minor” shall be defined as any individual under the age of eighteen,  
5 regardless of the court of jurisdiction.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill shall go into effect September 1, 2013.

7 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Judiciary shall enforce this bill and provide any necessary  
8 funding. Failure to comply will result in a six-month operation suspension  
9 of the individual courtroom that does not adhere.

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

*Introduced by Three Rivers High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 20. A Resolution to Increase Engagement with Laos**

1    **WHEREAS**, Laos is one of the poorest countries in Asia; and

2    **WHEREAS**, Laos faces numerous problems including economic development, human  
3                   rights abuses, pollution of the Mekong River, and unexploded ordinance  
4                   left over from the Vietnam War; and

5    **WHEREAS**, Laos has become a transit area for the trafficking of women; and

6    **WHEREAS**, US assistance to Laos has decreased over the last decade; and

7    **WHEREAS**, a developed Laos could become a major US trading partner; and

8    **WHEREAS**, China has increased its economic assistance to Laos as US assistance has  
9                   waned; and now, therefore, be it

10   **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the US should increase its economic  
11                   and diplomatic engagement with the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

*Introduced by  
James E. Taylor High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 21. A Resolution to Ban BGH's**

1 **WHEREAS**, the United States is the only heavily developed country to not have banned  
2 the use of Bovine Growth Hormones, or BGH's, from use in animals  
3 which are to produce milk for human consumption; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the countries of Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Britain, Japan, Denmark,  
5 Norway, Spain, Germany, and France have banned BGH's from being  
6 used in cattle which are producing milk for human consumption due to  
7 health concerns; and

8 **WHEREAS**, studies have shown that the use of BGH's in cows leads to significant  
9 health risks and medical complications within the cow; and

10 **WHEREAS**, products with BGH's are banned in those aforementioned countries which  
11 is limiting foreign buyers from purchasing domestic dairy and meat  
12 products from the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS**, domestic businesses which label their dairy products BGH free are sued by  
14 the global agricultural corporation known as Monsanto which is inhibiting  
15 small agricultural business growth; and

16 **WHEREAS**, BGH's are produced from injecting genetically modified strains of E. Coli  
17 into the body of the cow to artificially increase milk production; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the use of BGH's in cows' which milk is consumed creates unnecessary  
19 antibiotic resistance to grow in humans, which will inhibit the  
20 effectiveness of antibiotics when they are necessary, therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that Bovine Growth Hormones will be  
22 banned from use within the United States entirely by 2015, and that any  
23 products containing BGH's will be banned by 2020.

*Introduced by La Vernia High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 22. A Resolution to Withdraw from UNESCO**

- 1   **WHEREAS**, UNESCO granted Palestine full membership despite United States  
2                   disapproval; and
- 3   **WHEREAS**, Admission of Palestine undermined an international peace effort and led to  
4                   a premature admission that hinders long lasting peace in the Middle East;  
5                   and
- 6   **WHEREAS**; Public Law 101-246, which Congress passed in 1990, states that “no funds  
7                   authorized to be appropriated by this Act or any other Act shall be  
8                   available for the United Nations or any specialized agency thereof which  
9                   accords the Palestine Liberation Organization the same standing as  
10                  member states.”; and
- 11   **WHEREAS**, Public Law 103-236 Title IV, passed in 1994, prohibits “voluntary or  
12                  assessed contribution to any affiliated organization of the United Nations  
13                  which grants full membership as a state to any organization or group that  
14                  does not have the internationally recognized attributes of statehood”; and
- 15   **WHEREAS**, The United States provides 22% of UNESCO funding (\$80 million a year)  
16                  and should not financially support what it does not approve; and
- 17   **WHEREAS**, Due to the United States decision to halt funding; after two years the  
18                  U.S.’s vote will no longer count; now, therefore, be it
- 19   **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled request Palestine to be removed  
20                  as a member; and, be it
- 21   **FURTHER RESOLVED**, If U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization  
22                  (UNESCO) does not comply with this request, the United States will  
23                  withdraw.

*Introduced by Jersey Village High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 23. A Bill to Place a Cap on Federal Spending Cuts**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A Cap be imposed that limits the Federal Government to \$2.5 Trillion in  
3 Spending Cuts every ten years.

4 **A.** “Spending Cuts” shall be defined as a reduction in the budget of a  
5 Government program.

6 **SECTION 2.** Of the allowed \$2.5 Trillion in Spending Cuts, only \$500 Billion may  
7 come from programs not associated with Defense Spending, Entitlement  
8 Spending, and spending in the Tax Code.

9 **A.** “Defense Spending” shall be defined as Spending in the Department of  
10 Defense, the Department of Homeland Security or the U.S. Military.

11 **B.** “Entitlement Spending” shall be defined as spending for Medicare,  
12 Medicaid, or Social Security benefits.

13 **C.** “Spending in the Tax Code” shall be defined as any kind of Loophole  
14 or Tax Cut in the Federal Income Tax Code, or any Federal Subsidies.

15 **SECTION 3.** Any reform or restructuring in a Government Program that produces  
16 increased financial savings for the federal government will not be  
17 considered a Spending Cut.

18 **SECTION 4.** The Office of Management and Budget will be put in charge of enforcing  
19 this bill.

20 **SECTION 5.** This law will take effect six month before the expiration of the most recent  
21 Federal Budget.

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

*Introduced by Spring Woods High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 24. A Bill to Reform the Educational System**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The national government will sponsor the systematic development of  
3 vocational/ trade schools to the point where they are as accessible as  
4 regular high schools. High schools students would choose to pursue a  
5 college-oriented or a trade-oriented school.

6 **SECTION 2.** A vocational school would teach students basic academic concepts and  
7 career training.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will enforce this law and determine the  
9 method of funding for new vocational schools.

10 A. Vocational school construction will be prioritized according to the  
11 academic success of school districts.

12 B. This prioritization will be determined through G.A.O. investigations  
13 which will evaluate the quality of American schools.

14 C. Government sponsorship will include subsidies and tax-credits for  
15 private vocational schools, and direct construction of federal  
16 vocational schools.

17 **SECTION 4.** This plan will go into effect in ten years to ensure accurate G.A.O.  
18 investigations.

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

*Introduced by Richard King High School*



# **TFA Spring 2012 Item 26. A Bill to Fix the National Flood**

## **Insurance Program**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Flood Insurance Program shall raise premiums to reflect the  
3 actual risk of property loss for each property insured.

4 **SECTION 2.** The NFIP shall end subsidies for older structures that reduce their policy  
5 premiums to levels that are below their actual risk levels.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Federal Government shall not reinsure any property that  
7 suffers repeated losses two or more times of more than \$5000 within a 10 year time  
8 period. This denial of coverage by the NFIP or other federal government program shall  
9 last a minimum of 20 years.

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

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

*Introduced by.  
Elsik High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 27. A Resolution to Create a Universal Monetary Currency**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the strengths and weaknesses of various currencies undervalue other  
2 currencies in international business which leads to destabilizing the global  
3 economy; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the strength of the Japanese yen against other major currencies  
5 undervalues the yen; and
- 6 **WHEREAS**, the Euro's value is consistently higher than the United States' dollar which  
7 has a negative impact on the tourist industry in Europe; and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, all major currencies make it difficult for smaller countries to stay in the  
9 global economy; and
- 10 **WHEREAS**, banks gain even more money from their transactions fees which favor  
11 certain currencies over others; therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that a universal monetary currency be  
13 developed.

*Introduced by Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson HS*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 28. A Resolution to balance funds for Public Charter Schools**

1 **WHEREAS**, there are more than 5,400 charter schools serving more than 1.7

2 million children across the United States; and

3 **WHEREAS**, charter schools are growing at a rapid pace with 465 new charter

4 schools opening in the 2010-11 school year; and

5 **WHEREAS**, charter schools have increased parental involvement thus

6 increasing student academic success and graduation rate; and

7 **WHEREAS**, most charter schools have to rely on grants, donations and private

8 funding to remain open; and

9 **WHEREAS**, over 40% of the nation's charter school closings are a result from

10 financial deficiencies and only 14% of charter schools are closed for poor academic

11 performance; and

12 **WHEREAS**, charter schools across the United States are funded at 61% of their

13 district counter parts, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that funding for charter schools

15 shall be increased by 3% each year a public charter school is rated academically

16 acceptable or better and be it further

17 **RESOLVED** By the Congress here assembled that public schools will lose 3%

18 of funding each year that a school fails to be rated academically acceptable.

*Introduced by Bishop High School*

## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 29. A Resolution to Increase Exploration of the Oceans**

1   **WHEREAS**, more is known about the surface of the Moon than the deep oceans; and

2   **WHEREAS**, more men have walked on the surface of the Moon than traveled to the  
3                   deepest part of the oceans, the Mariana Trench; and

4   **WHEREAS**, the United States was unprepared to deal with the BP oil spill at extreme  
5                   depths; and

6   **WHEREAS**, as recently as 150 years ago, the predominant scientific belief was that the  
7                   deep ocean was lifeless; and

8   **WHEREAS**, deep sea mineral deposits are thought to contain vast reserves, such as in  
9                   the Gulf of Mexico and the Arctic Ocean; and

10   **WHEREAS**, the National Ocean Service budget was reduced to \$559.6 million for FY  
11                   2012; now, therefore, be it

12   **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that funding for the National Ocean  
13                   Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration be  
14                   increased to \$2 billion to further exploration and scientific research of the  
15                   deep oceans.

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## **TFA Spring 2012 Item 30. A Resolution to Abolish the Marine Corps to Cut Defense Spending**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, The current budget is around 4 Trillion Dollars; and
- 2 **WHEREAS**, The current defense budget has exceeded 600 Billion Dollars per year; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, Many of the roles the Marine Corps provide are already provided by
- 4 different branches of the Military; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, Spending on the military is exacerbated by providing funding to Military
- 6 branches that serve roles outside of their intended purpose; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, The original purpose of the Marine Corps, as defined by the National
- 8 Security Act of 1947, is combat support during Naval Campaigns, and
- 9 coordination with the Army and Air Force during amphibious assaults;
- 10 and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, The size of the Marine Corps has outgrown its purpose and uniqueness in
- 12 combat; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled require that the Department of
- 14 Defense abolish the Marine Corps and restructure the Military to absorb
- 15 its remaining roles.

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