

A RESOLUTION TO AID VENEZUELAN REFUGEES

- 1 WHEREAS: The UNHCR has reported that over 1.6 million Venezuelans have abandoned their
2 country since 2015, and
- 3 WHEREAS: Approximately 90% of those refugees have arrived in neighboring South American
4 countries, and
- 5 WHEREAS: The UN has tried to raise \$46 million to aid these migrants, but has not yet reached
6 this goal, and
- 7 WHEREAS: Representatives from 11 South American nations have recently signed a declaration
8 urging substantially increased resources for the situation, and
- 9 WHEREAS: Venezuela refused to participate in this Ecuador meeting, despite being invited, and
- 10 WHEREAS: President Maduro denies such a situation exists, calling presented evidence “fake
11 news” and politically motivated alarmism, therefore
- 12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS that
- I. The United States propose to the UNHCR that their fund for this specific refugee situation be distributed to the impacted South American countries, upon their petition, based on documented impact upon the nation, as determined by the UNHCR, and that
 - II. The United States pledge \$20 million (or the difference to the \$46 million goal, whichever is less) for this fund.

A RESOLUTION TO AVOID OFFENSIVE USE OF DRONES IN NIGER

- 1 WHEREAS: The United States Air Force has been using drones from Niger's Air Base 101, located
2 in the Nigerien capital of Niamey, and
- 3 WHEREAS: Officials state that the drones have been used solely to collect intelligence on regional
4 militant groups, and
- 5 WHEREAS: Last November the Nigerien government requested that the US begin deploying armed
6 drones against these groups, and
- 7 WHEREAS: Efforts have begun to use MQ-9 Reaper drones in a direct combat capability, while
8 simultaneously announcing a move to withdraw US troops, and
- 9 WHEREAS: Increasing the use of drones beyond intelligence gathering can both escalate the
10 situation and commit the US to even more involvement in the area, therefore
- 11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS that funding for all US Air Force efforts in
12 Niger's Air Base 101 be halted immediately if any US drones from that base are used
13 for purposes other than strict intelligence collection.

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE DAVIS-BACON ACT

- 1 WHEREAS: Free market enterprise is a foundational premise in US capitalism, and
- 2 WHEREAS: Mandated minimum wage rates destroys private contractors' ability to compete via
- 3 price for government contracts, and
- 4 WHEREAS: Costs such as inefficient practices or even union payoffs are legally transferred to the
- 5 taxpayer, and
- 6 WHEREAS: A 2011 Heritage Foundation study found that this costs the federal government over
- 7 \$10 billion per year, therefore
- 8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS that the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 and all other
legislation intended to add to or clarify said act be repealed.

A RESOLUTION TO CEASE ARMING TEACHERS

- 1 WHEREAS: School shootings and other violent acts have recently graced media headlines, and
- 2 WHEREAS: Oversaturation by media sources has led many to believe the situation is rampant and
- 3 out of control, and
- 4 WHEREAS: Such manic public reactions have called for states and local legislatures to arm
- 5 teachers with firearms, in an attempt to curb school violence, and
- 6 WHEREAS: Reports from the CDC, NCJRS, and National Center for Educational Statistics all find
- 7 that school violence has decreased since 1993, and
- 8 WHEREAS: Firearms in the classroom increase both the chance for accidental discharge and the
- 9 potential for hostile escalation, therefore
- 10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS that the carrying of firearms on any public
- 11 school property by any individuals who are not on-duty as a law enforcement officer be
- 12 banned. The state or condition of the weapon will not be taken as a mitigating factor.

A RESOLUTION FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

- 1 WHEREAS: Research investment has caused costs for developing renewable energy, such as
2 solar and wind energy, and
- 3 WHEREAS: These renewable energies are comparable to traditional fossil fuels in cost per kWh,
4 and
- 5 WHEREAS: These renewable energy sources do present problems of intermittent availability due to
6 weather restrictions, thus requiring storage capabilities, and
- 7 WHEREAS: The International Renewable Energy Agency's 2017 report found that while solar and
8 wind energy technologies have become more cost efficient than fossil fuels, they are
9 still hindered by storage capabilities, and
- 10 WHEREAS: A shift away from fossil fuels is inevitably needed, therefore
- 11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS that grant funding be made available through
12 the NSF for research into the development of effective batteries for storing solar and/or
13 wind energy.