

A Resolution to Affirm the Importance of a Free and Unfettered Press in our Democracy

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The president repeatedly refers to reputable journalists and multiple
2 media organizations as “fake news; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** He has threatened to take away the White House press credentials of
4 journalists whose coverage he does not like; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The decision to bar a member of the press from the White House for the
6 questions the member asked is retaliatory in nature, violates the spirit of
7 the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and is not
8 indicative of an open and free press; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** A free and unfettered press is the cornerstone of our democracy; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that we
- 12 (1) condemn the escalating attacks by the president on reputable
13 journalists and news organizations;
- 14 (2) affirm that it is necessary and appropriate for reporters to ask
15 questions of powerful government officials in order to hold them
16 accountable to those that elected them; and
- 17 (3) Affirm that reporters and journalists must be free to do their job,
18 providing transparency to the people’s government without fear of
19 reprisal from that government.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Caitlin Tapia, Loveland High School

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A Bill to Prohibit Corporal Punishment Within Public School Systems

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States formally forbid the infliction of corporal punishment
3 within American public schooling systems.

4 **SECTION 2.** Corporal punishment being defined as punishment inflicted on one's
5 body as an act of discipline.

6 **SECTION 3.** Implementation of the newly established law will transpire during the
7 fiscal year of 2020.

8 **SECTION 4.** The responsibilities of this agency will be managed by the U.S.
9 Department of Education.

10 **SECTION 5.** Exceptions to this bill are hereby null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexcis Escandon of Thompson Valley High School

A Resolution to Recognize the Need for a Green New Deal

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the majority of scientists agree that global average temperatures have
2 been increasing; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** the climate has been causing instability in the economy as well as the
4 environment; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** the safety and overall well-being of our citizens and other living
6 organisms has become compromised due to global warming; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** our duty as the federal government to facilitate our citizens' rights to Life,
8 Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness morally obligates us to address
9 climate change; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the federal government must write
11 a Green New Deal in order to address the increasing threat of global
12 warming.

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A Bill to Abolish the Patenting of Health Care Products and Pharmaceuticals

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** From this point forward, patents shall not be granted to health care
3 products and pharmaceuticals.

4 **SECTION 2.** Patents shall be defined as governmental authority giving an agent the
5 sole right to make, use, or sale an invention. Health care products shall be
6 defined as selected products used to diagnose, treat, or care for medical
7 patients. Pharmaceuticals are defined as drugs or medicines that are
8 prepared or dispensed through pharmacies and used in medical
9 treatment.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce's Patent and Trademark Office will enforce
11 this legislation.

12 A. Patents already granted as of June, 2019 will be grandfathered in and
13 valid until the expiration of the patent. These patents may not be
14 renewed.

15 B. An additional \$5 billion will be delegated in the FY 2020 budget to
16 provide medical advancement grants in order to inspire innovation.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on June 1, 2019.

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

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A Bill to Combat Opioid Addiction in Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons hereby is authorized to make
2 grants to and enter into cooperative agreements to develop and implement
3 a program to provide medication-assisted treatment to individuals
4 incarcerated who are addicted to opioids.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “medication-assisted treatment” means the use of drugs or
6 combinations of drugs that have by FDA, been approved for use to provide
7 an effective treatment of substance abuse.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons shall enforce the following provisions on all
9 federal prisons under their jurisdiction:

10 A. Ensure the implementation, reporting and enforcing that all federal
11 prisons administer medication-assisted treatment for diagnosed opioid
12 and related substance abuse addicts that are incarcerated; and

13 B. Assurance that federal prisons have, or have access to, a sufficient
14 number of clinicians licensed to administer medication-assisted
15 treatment to program participants; and

16 C. Provide program participants continuity of care once released from
17 incarceration including assistance to eligible participants in registering
18 for Medicaid; and

19 D. Generate an annual report to Congress on the number of participants,
20 treatment, after incarceration care and program recidivism rates.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons has 90 days to begin enforcement once this
22 legislation becomes law.

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

Introduced by Loveland High School.

A Bill to Reduce Gender Pay Gap

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Private companies must provide the Treasury Department the average salary
2 of men and women in the same job role and the difference cannot be more
3 than 20%.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply to this legislation:
5 Job role - Is the part that is played within a specific work process within the
6 company.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Treasury Department shall enforce the following provisions on Private
8 Companies:

9 A. All private companies must submit, along with their annual tax filings, a
10 report of job roles and average salaries for men and women; and

11 B. The Treasury Department identifies company that have a gender
12 disparity of more than 20% percent between in any job roles; and

C. The company has one year to reduce the disparity to 20% or below or will be taxed the difference in wage over 20% multiplied by the number of employees in the offending job roles.

16 **SECTION 4.** The Treasury Department has until the next tax year to begin enforcement
17 once this legislation becomes law.

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

Introduced by Ramona Edwards of Loveland High School.

A Resolution to Allow Minors to Obtain MMR and Polio Vaccinations without Parental Consent

- 1 **WHEREAS,** many children are unvaccinated against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
2 and Polio due to parental decisions based on faulty pseudo-science; and
3 **WHEREAS,** vaccines are crucial to immune system development and the prevention of fatal
4 diseases from returning and spreading; and
5 **WHEREAS,** the efficacy of vaccines falls when the entire population is not vaccinated; and
6 **WHEREAS,** vaccines are required by many educational programs; and
7 **WHEREAS,** minors currently have no way of acquiring vaccinations themselves; and
8 **WHEREAS,** vaccinations are a health issue that should be allowed to be decided between
9 the person who has not received them and their medical care provider; now
10 therefore be it,
11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that:
12 Minors should be allowed to request, without parental consent, MMR and/or
13 polio vaccinations from any appropriate medical provider and be covered under
14 health insurance programs as preventative care.

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