

A Resolution to Support the Peaceful Protests in the Chinese Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong

1 **WHEREAS**, the Chinese government has acted with extreme aggression towards peaceful
2 protests in the region of Hong Kong; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Chinese government has signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
4 and by responding to the protests with violence is denying its citizens multiple
5 rights specifically those found in articles 19, 20, and 21; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the protesters that have retaliated with violence are no longer peaceful and therefor
7 are no longer mentioned under this resolution; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States with the passage of this resolution will take no military or
9 economic action; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the United States with the passage of this resolution will not halt any current
11 economic, diplomatic or other actions involving the People's Republic of China;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the protesters are currently standing on the side of American values and as long as
14 the protests remain peaceful, they will remain under this resolution; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States is in support of the
17 peaceful protests in the Chinese region of Hong Kong.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Buffalo High School

A Bill to Ban Whaling in Northwestern and Northern Alaska by All Peoples of The United States and of The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AWEC)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will ban whale hunting by all people, including those who are currently legally partaking in whale hunting, the registered members of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling commission (AEWC).

SECTION 2. Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) is defined as the establishment to represent the whaling communities in an effort to convince the United States Government to take action to preserve the Eskimos subsistence hunt of bowhead whales.

SECTION 3. The National Marine Fisheries Service will enforce this bill under just penalties and legal treatment of those who commit the crime of whaling until the Department of Justice is able.

The United States Department of Justice will oversee any actions involving the killing of a whale within the legal limits of United States waters – depending on the level of the crime the maximum penalty for those who commit the crime of whaling shall pay a fine of \$200,000 and serve a ten year sentence in a federal prison.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cheyenne East High School

A Bill to Modify the Primary Vote of the Presidential Election to Allow for a Negative Vote.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. In the primaries of the presidential election, voting will be done in a fashion that allows for negative voting. This would take place in a blanket primary, except for the following modifications to the voting system:

1. Each person would get one positive vote and one negative vote for their own party. Each person would also get one vote that could be either for each opposing party.
2. After the votes are calculated, a number of candidates with the lowest total vote counts are eliminated equal to one half of the candidates still in the race, rounded down.
3. This process would repeat itself until one candidate remains in each political party.
4. Information will be provided at the ballots on how to vote using this new system. This election would be completed over the course of a number of 2 week periods equal to the number of cycles that will need to be completed, each cycle taking 2 weeks, which will be calculated before the election begins.

SECTION 2. Primary election shall be clarified to be the election that takes place before the general presidential election. A positive vote is a vote that goes towards putting a candidate into office. A negative vote is a vote that goes against a candidate running for office, and which cancels out a positive vote. The total vote count is the number of positive votes minus the number of negative votes. The total vote count can be negative.

SECTION 3. The United States Election Commission would oversee all provisions within this legislation.

SECTION 4. This legislation would be fully implemented no later than the primaries for the 2032 election.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation will be null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cheyenne South High School

A Bill to End All Charter Schools in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Upon passage of this legislation, all charter schools must be converted into public schools, converted into private schools, or closed once the 2029-2030 school year elapses.

SECTION 2. A. Charter schools are semi-autonomous public schools that receive public funds.
A. Charter schools that are converted into public or private schools must act in accordance with the regulations set for public or private schools by all applicable levels of government.

SECTION 3. A. The U.S. Department of Education will be responsible for the implementation and awareness of this legislation.

B. Schools that fail to close once the 2029-2030 school year elapses will be closed by the U.S. Department of Education.

C. No funds are to be authorized for any charter schools in the Fiscal Year 2031 Budget or any years thereafter, except for the purpose of providing teacher pensions.

SECTION 4. Implementation of this legislation will begin to take place immediately upon passage, and must be completed by the end of the 2029-2030 school year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jackson Hole High School

A Bill to Increase Funding to NASA to Build a Space Elevator

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will fund and manage the creation of a Space Elevator under NASA to increase the efficiency and availability of space travel.

SECTION 2. A space elevator is defined as an “earth to space transportation system, made with a cable fixed to the equator reaching into space.” A counterweight at the upper end keeps the mass above geostationary orbit and tether tensile. A climber attached to the ribbon allows for payloads to be sent into orbit, allowing for cheap transfer of objects from the surface of Earth into orbit.

SECTION 3. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will oversee the production and research of the space elevator.

A. The Edward’s proposal of a space elevator is estimated to cost 6.2 billion dollars. This will be funded by a 2% reduction of the military discretionary budget.

B. All funds will be granted towards the production and research of a “Space Elevator”

C. The result would be a 750-ton cable made of carbon nanotube composite ribbon with a lift capacity of 20 tons per climber.

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented on April 20th, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Kelly Walsh High School

A Resolution to Cut Department of Defense Budgeting

1 **Whereas,** The U.S should cut the Department of Defense budget from \$686 billion to \$343

2 billion; and

3 **Whereas,** The other U.S. Departments are under \$412 billion, and that's only because of the

4 Department of Veterans Affairs. The other 13 are under \$80 billion; and

5 **Whereas,** The Department of Defense spends \$617 billion on the base budget, and \$69 billion

6 on war funding. The U.S. isn't in any major conflicts, so we do not need that money;

7 and

8 **Whereas,** The schools are falling apart, The U.S. is making enemies, and Global Warming is

9 approaching, Using the money the U.S. takes, The government can make schools a

10 better place, peace among the world and keep the world from dying under Global

11 Warming; now therefore, be it.

12 **Resolved,** By the Congress here assembled that The United States Federal Government decrease

13 the Department of Defense annual budget in half.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Natrona County High School

A Bill to Decrease Vaping and Increase the Educational Fund

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will enact a 2 % tax on all vaping products sold in the United
2 States. All proceeds will go into the United States Educational fund to be used at
3 the discretion of the United States Secretary of Education.

4 **SECTION 2.** I. Vaping products will be defined as a device used to heat a liquid or solid into a
5 vapor which is then inhaled.

6 II. Proceeds will be defined as the money made by the tax

7 **SECTION 3.** The IRS will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted fiscal year 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Riverton High School

A Bill to Make Voting Mandatory

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. A bill to require eligible citizens to vote in national elections and create a fine for those who do not vote.

SECTION 2. Definitions:

Require: to demand as necessary or essential; Merriam-Webster

Eligible: qualified to participate or be chosen; Merriam-Webster

Citizen: an inhabitant of a city or town; Merriam-Webster

Election:

A. an act or process of electing

B. carefully selected : CHOSEN

Fine: a sum imposed as punishment for an offense; Merriam-Webster

Vote: to express one's views in response to a poll; Merriam-Webster

SECTION 3. The U.S. Election Assistance Commission will be in charge of finding out what eligible citizens did not vote. The Federal Election Commission will be in charge of giving the fine for not voting.

SECTION 4. Every eligible citizen that does not vote in a national election will receive a \$100 fine. This bill will go into effect one physical year after passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rock Springs High School

A Bill to Regulate the Refugee Admission

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSWEMBLEMED THAT:

SECTION 1. The president shall set the minimum annual goal for the number of refugees to be admitted at a number to be at least 95,000, unless in a declared national emergency. Congress shall have the power to decide to override the exemption for national emergencies with a simple majority vote in both houses.

SECTION 2. The following terms shall be defined as:

A) Refugee – a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

B) Declared national emergency – a state of emergency resulting from a danger or threat of danger to a nation from foreign or domestic sources and is declared to be in existence by governmental authority.

SECTION 3. The governmental agency overseeing the enforcement of this bill will be the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM).

A) The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration will be the first government of contact for refugee services.

B) The Bureau of Population and Migration will coordinate the process with all other agencies necessary in the resettlement of refugees.

SECTION 4. Upon passage of the Bill to Regulate the Annual Numerical Ceilings on Refugee Admissions, the implementation will begin January 1, 2021.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Thunder Basin High School

A Bill to Follow Through on War

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1: The target of this bill will be directed towards finishing wars and armed conflicts that the United States is directly involved in without a premature ceasefire and cease of troops in fighting area. This bill encompasses armed conflicts and militaristic actions taken against terrorists organizations, warlords, as well as other enemy countries. Fighting will only be ceased if the opponent is either destroyed, or until conditional or unconditional surrender. U.S. troops may be pulled out of the country / opponents land 20 years after friendly relations with our opponent has been established.

SECTION 2: Armed conflicts / militaristic actions will be defined as fighting that concerns government and / or territory where the use of armed force between two parties, of which at least one is the government of a state, results in at least 25 battle-related deaths in one calendar year. Surrender will be defined as a cease in resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority. Friendly relations will be defined as an agreement to an alliance between both countries or fighting force.

SECTION 3: The funding and overseeing of this bill will come from the military.

SECTION 4: All laws in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

SECTION 5: This bill will be implemented immediately after passage.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Worland High School