

A Resolution to End the Display of the Confederate Flag on Public Property

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **WHEREAS**, The Battle Flag of the Confederacy is a symbol of oppression that is
3 still being sold, used and worn proudly; and

4 **WHEREAS**, racial inequality, and white supremacy are still current problems that
5 permeate our society; and

6 **WHEREAS**, symbols like the Confederate flag perpetuate white supremacy,
7 entrench systematic racism and are used to incite violence; and

8 **WHEREAS**, there are less dehumanizing ways to celebrate Southern heritage
9 and states rights; and

10 **WHEREAS**, individuals might have a First Amendment right to display a
11 Confederate flag because racist speech is protected; yet displaying the symbol
12 on public property should not be protected; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled that no public body at any level
14 of government shall display the Battle Flag of the Confederacy, otherwise
15 known as the "Confederate Flag", or any other similar image, on any
16 public property or land unless the flag or an image thereof appears in a
17 book, artwork, digital medium, or museum, or is used to serve any other
18 educational or historical purposes.

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A Bill to Admit the District of Columbia as the 51st State

1 **WHEREAS** D.C. residents voted in favor of statehood in 2016; and

2 **WHEREAS** the population of D. C. exceeds that of Wyoming and Vermont; and

3 **WHEREAS** D.C.'s residents pay federal taxes without representation in the U.S.

4 Senate; and

5 **WHEREAS** D.C.'s sole representative in the U. S. Congress has no vote;

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

7 **SECTION 1:** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the State of Washington, D. C.

8 is declared to be a State of the United States of America and is declared admitted

9 into the Union on an equal footing with the other States in all respects whatever.

10 **SECTION 2:** 10 The territory of the State shall not include the area described in

11 section 3, which shall 11 be known as the "Capital" and shall serve as the seat of

12 the Government of the United States.

13 **SECTION 3:** The Capital shall consist of the principal Federal

13 monuments, the White House, the Capitol Building, the United States Supreme

14 Court Building, and the Federal executive, legislative, and judicial office buildings

15 located adjacent to the Mall and the Capitol Building.

16 **SECTION 4:** The remainder of the city is admitted as the 51st state in the United

17 States of America, with all the powers, duties, and rights granted every state in the

18 Union, including two U.S. senators and a voting member in the House of

19 Representatives.

20 **SECTION 5:** Not more than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the 20 D. C. Mayor

21 shall hold elections for two Senators and one Representative in

22 Congress from the 51st State.

23 **SECTION 6:** The 51st state shall be named "Washington, Douglass

24 Commonwealth," incorporating the names of both President George Washington

25 and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

26 **SECTION 7:** The United States of America flag will be redesigned to include

27 51 stars.

28 **SECTION 8:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null

29 and void.

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A Bill to Demilitarize the Police

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams cannot be deployed
3 unless there is imminent danger to an individual or officer.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Imminent danger” is defined as any conditions which could
5 reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical harm. “Special
6 Weapons and Tactics teams” are defined as any designated law enforcement unit
7 which uses specialized military equipment or tactics

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will be responsible for overseeing the
9 implementations of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect in six months after the
11 passage of this legislation.

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

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A Bill to Reform Educational Funding

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will hereby increase the Department
2 of Education funding by \$50 billion and offer Categorical Grants of up
3 to \$1 billion to any State that removes the dependency on property
4 taxes and instead move towards that of State and Federal funding.
5 To ensure funding, the United States will increase the tax rates on
6 Long-term Capital Gains and Dividends to that of income tax rates.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Categorical Grants will be defined as grants given to
8 States as long as the requirements given are equalled or exceeded
9 by the State. Capital gains will be defined as profits from the sale of a
10 capital asset. Dividends shall be defined as a sum of money paid
11 regularly by a company to its shareholders out of its profits.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the
13 implementation of this bill and will ensure that funds will be given out
14 equally among the districts within each state, except in cases where
15 it is required. The IRS will oversee in implementation of the
16 increased tax rates.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in the next fiscal year.
- 18 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
19 declared null and void.

A Resolution to Promote Democracy in the Nation of Taiwan

1 **WHEREAS**, China is continuously endangering the continuation of a free democracy 2 in
Taiwan, and

3 **WHEREAS**, Various elections, media, and public opinions are shaped by the Chinese 4
Communist Party, and

5 **WHEREAS**, The future of Taiwanese democracy and close U.S.-Taiwan relations is in 6
trouble, and

7 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. supports democracy around the world and strives to preserve
8 U.S. presence in East Asia while protecting democratic values; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the United States assist Taiwan in
10 Assuring that the full transparency and independence of its media and elections take 11
place, and be it.

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the US further strengthen Taiwan's defense system by
13 providing arms, missiles, and additional technologies to defend itself against China.

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A Bill to Minimize U.S. Military Relations with Saudi Arabia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will no longer participate in the
2 sale of, or providing of support to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with weapons,
3 government technology, or military support.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sale is defined as: the exchange of a commodity for money; the action of 5
selling something, such as money.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM)
7 will oversee the implementation of the cease in sales. All instances of weapon sales to 8
Saudi Arabia, both directly and indirectly, shall be investigated by non-partisan
9 organizations and all complicit actors in the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia will be
10 given life sentences with opportunity for appeal and bail.

11 **SECTION 4.** This cease of sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia will be implemented
12 September 2021.

13 **SECTION 5.** The United State will withdraw 90% of all troops in Saudia Arabia that 14
are presently stationed there to prevent conflict with Iran and its proxy forces.

15 **SECTION 6.** The withdrawal of troops will begin July 1st, 2021.

16 **SECTION 7.** The United States Department of Defense will oversee the withdrawal 17
of troops and maintain protection of the U.S. Embassy.

18 **SECTION 8.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
19 and void.

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A Bill to Eliminate the Capital Gains Tax

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will make the
2 tax rate 0 percent on profits from the sale of an asset for all
3 income groups.

4 **SECTION 2.** A capital gains tax is a tax on the growth in value of investments incurred
5 when individuals and corporations sell those investments.

6 **SECTION 3.** Because the bill applies to all of the United States, it will be enforced by
7 the United States federal government

8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on February 21st, 2021.

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

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A Bill to Increase the Annual Department of Defense Budget

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. The United States shall increase the Department of Defense's Annual
2 Budget to \$1.5 Trillion to ensure continued tranquility in the Domestic U.S.

3 SECTION 2. The funding for this bill which will be directed and supervised by the
4 United States Congress

5 SECTION 3. The DOD's budget is defined as money allocated to the military
6 and special operations, currently about \$722 Billion

7 SECTION 4. The U.S. The Federal Reserve will oversee the transfer of funds, and the 8
House Armed Services Committee will supervise the usage of the funds.

9 SECTION 5. This bill will take effect on the next financial quarter

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

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A Resolution to Pressure European Nations to Repeal Burqa Bans

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1 **WHEREAS**, Several European nation-states have implemented bans on wearing Burqas and
2 other forms of traditional Islamic dress in public spaces in order to uphold national principles of
3 freedom from religion; and

4 **WHEREAS**, The countries that currently ban Burqas include Denmark, Austria, Germany,
5 Belgium, France, Bulgaria, and Latvia, all countries with prominent percentages of individuals
6 who practice Islam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Burqa bans prevent practicing-Muslims from engaging in key cultural traditions,
8 forcing individuals to choose between legal compliance and loyalty to their faith, infringing on
9 their freedom of religion; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Burqa bans and similar policies are continuing to fuel anti-Islamic sentiment in
11 many European countries; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
13 diplomatically and economically pressure states that implement Burqa bans to repeal them.

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A Bill to Require Lawmaker Blind Trusts

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All federal lawmakers will be required to place their individual stock portfolios into
3 a blind trust upon taking office.

4 A. All lawmakers who refuse will be required to sell their individual stocks upon taking
5 office.

6 B. Incumbent lawmakers will be required to sell individual stocks or move their portfolios
7 into a blind trust upon reelection.

8 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply:

9 A. Lawmaker will be defined as any federal legislator.

10 B. Individual stocks will be defined as holding partial stake in a company's ownership.

11 C. Diversified holdings with a professional manager, such as mutual funds, are not
12 included in this legislation.

13 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission will oversee the enforcement of
14 this legislation.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

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The Right to Die Bill

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In cases of terminal illness, medically-induced deaths shall be legalized.

3 **SECTION 2.** Medically-induced deaths shall be defined as a physician providing medication to
4 a terminally-ill patient for the purposes of patient self-administration to end their life.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the enforcement of
6 this legislation. The following policies shall be enforced:

7 A. The patient must be diagnosed as terminally-ill with less than six months to live.

8 B. The patient must request the medication three times (first two requests may be oral,
9 spaced at least 5 days apart), with the third request in writing, signed before at least
10 two witnesses.

11 C. At least two physicians must certify that the patient is competent and voluntarily
12 requesting the medication.

13 D. Physicians may refuse to participate.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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A Resolution to Ban Payday Loans

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1 **WHEREAS**, Payday loans, generally small sums of money with high-interest rates loaned by
2 independent institutions to be repaid when the borrower next receives their paycheck, unfairly
3 target minorities and individuals in vulnerable circumstances, driving them farther into socio-
4 economic instability; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Payday loaners often misrepresent how high the interest will be, hiding rates that
6 can reach 400% or more, whereas it is estimated that less than 1% of all payday loans go
7 toward time-sensitive emergencies where there is no other option, which is the cause for which
8 they are advertised and defended; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Almost half of all borrowers who took out a payday loan defaulted on that loan
10 within the first two years, creating a cyclical financial problem for borrowers in which they are
11 forced to continue to drive themselves into debt; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Regulating payday loans have proven ineffective, as loaners find new ways to
13 manipulate information about the safety of the loans and the interest rate it will be charged at;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to the
16 individual states and territories to ban payday loans.

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A Resolution to Reduce Conspiracy Rhetoric

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1 **WHEREAS,** Current members of Congress and those running for Congressional seats have
2 embraced conspiracy theories that have repeatedly been debunked; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Conspiracy theorists share this information widely on social media networks
4 which are then further shared and “liked” among Congressional networks; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Conspiracy theories have produced genuine threats to factual debates within our
6 Congressional assemblies; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Attempts to fact-check and curb the spread of conspiracy theories have resulted
8 in claims of being silenced by “Big Tech”; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled agree to eliminate the spread of conspiracy
10 rhetoric in all public forms, including on the Congressional debate floor, through social media
11 reactions, and in public appearances.

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Minimum Wage Bill

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Fair Labor Standards Act will be amended to include a federal minimum
3 wage of \$10 per hour.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following conditions shall apply:

5 A. Businesses with 20 or fewer employees will have until 2025 to comply with the new
6 minimum wage.

7 B. Future increases in the minimum wage will be indexed to inflation and occur every
8 three years.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect January 1, 2022.

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

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A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Make Washington D.C. a State

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED**, By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
3 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall
4 be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by
5 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the
6 date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1.** Washington, Douglass Commonwealth (D.C.) will become a state of the United
9 States of America, with all the powers of any other state within the Union.

10 **SECTION 2.** The state of Washington D.C. shall encompass all territory previously considered
11 part of the Commonwealth with certain exemptions made for federal land and buildings.

12 **SECTION 3.** The State of Washington D.C. shall be granted 2 senators and 1 representative
13 in the House of Representatives.

14 **SECTION 4.** Constitutional references to Washington D.C. as the seat of federal government
15 will be maintained.

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A Bill to Establish Neutral Online Marketplaces

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Technology corporations with annual global sales of \$1 billion or more will be
3 required to establish neutral online marketplaces.

4 A. Neutral online marketplaces must establish fair and equitable policies regarding the
5 treatment of all sellers and buyers within their platforms, including how platform-
6 owned products and services will be marketed and sold with independent products
7 and services.

8 B. Technology corporations with annual global sales of \$25 billion or more will not be
9 permitted to sell their own products and services within their own neutral online
10 marketplace (competing platform-owned products and services must be removed
11 from the marketplace or sold).

12 C. Future prospective acquisitions of the technology corporation must be approved by
13 the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

14 **SECTION 2.** A neutral online marketplace is one in which fair and equitable policies are
15 established for buyers and sellers on the platform. Technology corporations which own
16 competing products or services must clearly indicate which competing products and services
17 are theirs and must price said products and services fairly.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Communications
19 Commission (FCC) will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2023.

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

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The Pay Inequity Act

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Corporations that bid on or hold federal contracts with chief executives with total
3 compensation over 100 times the median worker wage of the company must pay an inequity
4 tax.

5 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions shall apply:

6 A. A corporation shall include any publicly traded company based within the United
7 States.

8 B. Compensation shall extend to all benefits and bonuses the chief executive receives,
9 not limited to annual salary.

10 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor will work in conjunction with the Securities and
11 Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to oversee the
12 enforcement of this legislation.

13 A. The inequity tax is a 0.1 percent tax of total federal tax owed for CEO compensation
14 of 100 times the median worker wage.

15 B. The inequity tax multiplies based upon the CEO compensation over the median
16 worker wage (e.g., 0.3 percent for CEO compensation of 300 times the median
17 worker) up to a maximum of 1 percent of total federal tax owed.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect July 1, 2022.

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

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A Resolution to Promote Police Transparency

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1 **WHEREAS**, Undercover police sting operations are typically not effective at reducing criminal
2 operations and identifying higher-level operatives; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Undercover officers focus on low-level offenders to increase arrest rates and
4 likely convictions; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Undercover officers target vulnerable populations, such as drug addicts and
6 homeless populations; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Undercover officers cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars to facilitate
8 sting operations and imprison low-level offenders; therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommend to state, county, and local police
10 departments to eliminate the use of undercover officers.

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