

1. A Resolution to Increase Recognition of PFAS Transparency Act

Line 01 **WHEREAS,** transparency in such industrial areas will not only increase public knowledge
Line 02 and awareness, but reduce the adverse effects of PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl
Line 03 substances); and
Line 03 **WHEREAS,** PFAS enter the environment through waste streams and production over 40% of
Line 04 the time, thus adversely affects the environment; and
Line 05 **WHEREAS,** this man-made chemical is often seen in fire-suppressing foam that are used by
Line 06 firefighters and the military; therefore, high levels can be found in and
near
Line 07 water supplies; and
Line 08 **WHEREAS,** animals exposed to high areas of PFAS can ultimately affect people's organs and
Line 09 tissues; and
Line 09 **WHEREAS,** the US government found at least 4,000 PFAS in consumer products and
Line 10 manufacturing aids; and
Line 11 **WHEREAS,** developmental and immunological effects are direct effect of PFAS in animals
Line 12 and humans; and
Line 13 **WHEREAS,** the EPA is highly concerned about the emerging contamination concern of PFAS
Line 14 to the environment and to human health; now, therefore, be it
Line 15 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that to increase recognition of PFAS
Transparency Act.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Erin Lim, Deep Run High School

2. A Resolution to Urge the United Nations to Expand Permanent Membership of the Security Council of the United Nations

Whereas, The United Nations Security Council is comprised of 15 member nations with 5 of these nations being permanent members; and

Whereas, These 5 permanent member nations hold the power of “veto”, thus effectively being able to block any action; and

Whereas, The 5 permanent member nations are the United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, and China; and

Whereas, The Southern Hemisphere is not represented; and

Whereas, Entire continents are not represented; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Congress here assembled urge the United Nations to expand permanent membership status on the Security Council to India, Nigeria, South Africa, and Brazil with the same “veto” power that current permanent member nations possess.

Submitted by Montgomery Academy

3. A Bill to authorize funding to increase access to mental health care treatment to reduce gun violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Nearly 1 in 4 adult Americans suffer from a mental illness and almost half
2 of all adults in America will develop a mental illness at one point in their
3 lifetime. Only half of children and adults with mental health problems
4 receive the treatment they need. Suicide is the leading cause of gun related
5 deaths in America, amounting to 60% of gun related deaths in the country.
6 In addition, domestic abuse is more likely to turn homicidal when a gun is
7 present. These deaths could be better prevented if adequate mental health
8 care is provided to these individuals.

9 **SECTION 2.** Mental illness refers to a health condition involving changes in emotion,
10 thinking, or behavior (or a combination of these).

11 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Health and
12 Human Services, and the Commissioner of Social Security shall be
13 appropriated \$500,000,000 to:

14 A. increase access to mental health care treatment and service

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2022. All laws in conflict with this
16 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Holy Family High School

4. A Resolution to Modify the Electoral College

Whereas, The United States' current electoral college "winner take all method" gives even the unearned votes to the winner.

Whereas, The votes of the minority are not democratically accounted for; and **Whereas**, There is growing resentment towards the electoral college and its legitimacy; and

Whereas, A modified electoral college (gaining the electoral votes a candidate has received) would encourage candidates to campaign all across the country instead of swing states; and

Whereas, A modified electoral college would show fair and equal representation

Be it Resolved, That the Congress here assembled make the recommendation to amend the constitution so that candidates who win a percentage of the electoral votes can still receive them in the election process.

Submitted by The Montgomery Academy

5. A Resolution to Aid the Raise the Wage Act of 2021

Line 01 **WHEREAS,** Not only does it address the need to increase the minimum wage to \$15.00, but
Line 02 also to address racial and gender pay gaps; and

Line 03 **WHEREAS,** It is not a straightforward process of implementing \$15.00, but requires a
Line 04 step-by-step process of reaching to \$15.00; and

Line 05 **WHEREAS,** The \$15.00 minimum wage will likely be reached by 2025; and

Line 06 **WHEREAS,** The majority of workers whose total income is below the poverty line (59%) will
Line 07 receive a pay increase; and

Line 08 **WHEREAS,** For decades, the nation has gone through a growing pay inequality, but by
Line 09 increasing the minimum wage by \$15.00, will reverse it; and

Line 10 **WHEREAS,** By 2025, the nation's economy will stimulate greater business activities and
Line 11 increase job growth; and

Line 12 **WHEREAS,** The most disadvantaged communities (Black and Hispanic communities) will
Line 14 benefit from this Act because over the years, they have been paid
10%-15% less Line 15 than White workers; now, therefore, be it

Line 16 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that to Aid the Raise the Wage Act 2021

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Erin Lim, Deep Run High School.

6. A Bill to Abolish the Death Penalty

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Since 1976, the use of the death penalty has resulted in the condemnation
2 and execution of 1,352 United States criminals, with an estimated 4% (or
3 52) of those executed thought to be innocent. Thus, the United States
4 criminal justice system shall no longer employ the use of the death penalty,
5 relying instead on pre-established punishments or punishments to be
6 determined and enacted that do not involve the execution of the convicted.

7 **SECTION 2.** The death penalty is defined as the legal occurrence in which the
8 court-issued criminal consequence is the infliction of death upon the
9 convicted.

10 **SECTION 3.** Both the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the Department of Justice will be
11 responsible for the successful implementation of this legislation.

12 A. The Federal Bureau of Prisons will discontinue its sponsorship and
13 maintenance of death row.

14 B. The Department of Justice will discontinue its federal authorization of
15 the death penalty as a means of criminal punishment.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2022. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Holy Family High School.

7. A Bill to Implement a Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government should implement an excise tax
on the 3 distributors of sugar-sweetened beverages for individual consumption to 4
combat obesity. This tax is proportionate to the volume of the beverages to be 5 sold.

6 **SECTION 2.** Sugar-Sweetened Beverages, SSBs for short, are defined as drinks or
liquids with 7 any added sugar or sweeteners, which include, but are not limited to, soft
8 drinks, sodas, energy drinks, flavored juices, and electrolyte replacement drinks. 9

SECTION 3. A joint effort between the Department of Health and Human Services and
the

10 Internal Revenue Service will oversee the implementation of the contents of this 11
bill.

12 A. The Department of Health and Human Services shall identify all goods and 13
products that fall under the category of sugar-sweetened beverages. 14 B. The Internal
Revenue Service shall administer and enforce the taxation on 15 the sugar-sweetened
beverages.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect 6 months after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Clayton High School.

8. A Resolution to Sanction Hungary

WHEREAS, In April 2020, the Hungarian government passed a law that allows its prime minister Viktor Orbán to rule by decree for an indefinite period of time without any parliamentary oversight; and

WHEREAS, Orbán's government has suppressed the freedom of speech and press; and

WHEREAS, The treatment of refugees and asylum seekers coming into Hungary has rapidly worsened under Orbán's rule, who has spread misinformation on the danger of refugees and asylum-seekers coming into Hungary; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Roma attacks and hate crimes have dramatically increased under Orbán's rule due to his encouragement of xenophobic and nationalistic sentiments; and

WHEREAS, The European Union has already considered revoking Hungary's voting rights in EU decisions sanctioning Hungary for its anti-democratic behavior; and

WHEREAS, Hungary's opposition parties have encouraged the EU to sanction Hungary in spite of the harm that sanctions would cause to Hungary's economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the government of the United States shall sanction Hungary.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Grant Lee, Deep Run High School

9. A Resolution to Abolish Copyright Law

1 **WHEREAS**, Copyright has become an increasingly unreasonable,
unenforceable, and 2 unmaintainable set of laws; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and collective nature of the internet inherently
does not 4 allow for effective copyright protection; and

5 **WHEREAS**, aggressive lobbying and donations from large corporations have
changed 6 these laws into something entirely overreaching and unreasonable;

and 7 **WHEREAS**, large corporations and patent trolls are able to take
advantage of 8 copyright law to unfairly benefit themselves; now, therefore, be
it

9 **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled recommend that all forms
of copyright 10 law be abolished.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Francis Howell North High School

10. A Bill to support small businesses following the COVID-19 Pandemic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States Federal Government will commit to supporting small businesses following a prolonged period of reduced activity during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Section 2: A targeted stimulus package of ten thousand dollars will be granted to individuals or groups that have proven ownership of a business through written record and the deficient condition of said business through the sales and funds history for the last eight months. Businesses that are eligible for a ten-thousand-dollar stimulus package must meet the criteria of what is considered a “Small Business” as stated by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code.

A. In order to collect the above mentioned stimulus package, individuals or groups of individuals who own a Small business will be required to present an invoice beforehand verifying that they plan to apply the contents of said package on their business. Individuals or groups of individuals that present invalid invoices will not be able to receive this package regardless of their previous eligibility. Proof of purchase via a receipt will also be required within a month of receiving the stimulus package in order to ensure that said package is indeed used on the business as the individual had claimed. A tax fee of ten thousand dollars plus interest will be levied on those individuals who have not spent their stimulus package accordingly.

Section 3: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Treasury shall jointly oversee the enforcing the provisions of this bill.

Section 4: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on March 1st, 2021, and last for a minimum of 6 months.

Section 5: All laws and policies in conflict with new law are hereby deemed null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Daniel Gharavi, Deep Run High School

11. A Resolution to Designate QAnon as a Terrorist Organization

WHEREAS, QAnon is the broad name given to a set of conspiracy theorists alleging, among other things, that the world is run by a group of Satan-worshipping pedophiles including top Democratic leaders like Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton; and **WHEREAS**, an internal Facebook investigation determined that QAnon-affiliated Facebook groups included upwards of 3 million members; and

WHEREAS, QAnon followers have been implicated in armed standoffs, attempted kidnappings, harassment campaigns, a shooting, and at least two murders; and **WHEREAS**, QAnon followers and supporters have been implicated in the riots at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Designating terrorist organizations allows U.S. officials to authorize effective counter-terrorism measures and sends a message to those wishing to do harm to U.S. civilians or property; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that an official list of Domestic Terrorist Organizations should be created, in parallel to the Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) list maintained by the U.S. Department of State; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, QAnon should be designated as a Domestic Terrorist Organization.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Marquette High School

12. A Bill to create new traffic and highway enforcement groups as a method of combating discriminating racial profiling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States Federal Government will commit to reforming law enforcement in U.S. Interstate and Highway Systems in order to prevent incidents of racial injustice and police brutality based on discriminating racial profiles.

Section 2: Municipal and state police jurisdictions over U.S. Interstate and Highway Systems will be removed and replaced with new traffic guard and highway patrol groups that are more educated in their approach to racial bias and driver profiling. To ensure that enforcers within said groups adhere to fair and objective traffic stop methods, they will be required to undergo one year of specialized indoctrination in addition to the standard 36 weeks of basic training for a law enforcement officer.

A. Law enforcers in said law enforcement groups will also receive increased salaries as a method of incentivizing future recruits to pursue the one extra year of instruction.

Section 3: The U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Defense, and various state Departments of Public Safety shall be jointly responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

Section 4: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on March 1st, 2021, and last for a minimum of 1 year with an upwards of 10 years, depending on the amount of funds that need be allocated and the reforms that need take place.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Daniel Gharavi, Deep Run High School.

