A Resolution to Review Future Drone Strikes to Increase Accountability and Effectiveness

1 WHEREAS, Drone strikes can occur with little rationale in a largely secretive process and harm US influence in international regions; and

2 WHEREAS, hundreds of civilians are killed by US drones every year often outside war zones and against international law; and

3 WHEREAS, Numerous independent investigations have found that the Department of Defense and CIA drastically underestimate the number of civilians killed by airstrikes; and

4 WHEREAS, The rate of civilian casualties from US drone airstrikes has been steadily increasing under the Trump administration now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a Congressional panel to be established to review and report on the effectiveness of drone strikes and the accuracy of the reporting of civilian casualties; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the CIA and Department of Defense make available to the public reports on each drone strike including casualties, rate of success, and civilian property damage, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the US develop necessary military technologies to decrease the loss of civilian life in drone strikes.

Respectfully Submitted,

St. Joseph’s Preparatory School
A Bill to Create Mutual Defense in Southeast Asia

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. With the rise of China’s military prowess, especially in South East Asia, it is time to reinstate the South East Asia Treaty Organization mutual defense treaty. Potential members would be original members such as The Philippines, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, The United Kingdom, and France, but not Pakistan and Bangladesh.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of this bill, Southeast Asia is defined as the region between the most northern region of Japan, all the way to Australia, encompassing the entirety of the South China sea.

SECTION 3. Government Agencies that would enforce this bill would be the Department of State and Department of Defense.

A. The Department of State Would work mostly to organize organizational bodies that would permit for inter-governmental cooperation such as budgetary and economic rules of this proposition.

B. The Department of Defense would assist in any joint military cooperation. In the event of this bill passing, and all countries proposed joining the mutual defense treaty being signed, a carrier strike group would be stationed in Singapore until a more permanent base can be created in the South China Sea. This base will act as the home of the new American 8th Fleet, completely centralized on the South China sea. The fleet will consist of American, British, French, Japanese and other ships. American vessels will be drawn from both the local 5th and 7th fleets, as well as ships from the 4th fleet.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately after the resolution passes.

SECTION 5. Any legislation that is contrary to this bill is hereby null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bennett Cerullo of The Hill School.
A BILL TO DRIVE THE CDC TO ACCURATELY TRACK CORONAVIRUS CASES IN VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The CDC shall track all Coronavirus cases of all fully vaccinated individuals.

SECTION 2. A Coronavirus case is defined as an individual who has tested positive for Sars-Cov-2 and any of its variants by a PCR and/or antigen test. A fully vaccinated individual is defined as someone who received any of the Sars-Cov-2 vaccines and are considered fully protected by the respective vaccine provider’s instruction.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human services will oversee the implementation of this bill.

   A. The Department of Health and Human Services will also provide the CDC with the funding to implement this bill.

   B. Any funding that the Department of Health and Human Services cannot fiscally provide will be from the Department of Defense budget.

SECTION 4. This bill will be effective immediately among passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Angelina Douris
Council Rock North High School
A Resolution to Amend the War Powers Act to Scale Back the Extent of the Powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States of America Military

WHEREAS, the unchecked powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States of America Military has become too authoritarian; and

WHEREAS, we must scale back the unchecked powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States Military and return powers back to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the unchecked powers of the President of the United States of America over the United States Military have resulted in America involving itself in conflicts where Congress hasn’t declared war. This has resulted in an immense loss of life among American service members in conflicts that were decided at the will of one man (the President); and

WHEREAS, Afghanistan, for example, was invaded on the will of the President. Afghanistan has resulted in 2,461 American service members and 3,846 military contractors killed. Congress didn’t try to check the requests of the President for fear of political backlash; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution limit the unchecked power of the President over the Military to the Marine Corps Expeditionary Force and SOCOM; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress will be informed of all military action where, when, and why it happens.

Respectfully submitted,

La Salle College HS
A Resolution to Preserve the Safety and Civil Rights of Afghan Women and Afghans Seeking Entry into the United States through Special Immigration Visas

WHEREAS, The fall of the United States-backed government in Afghanistan and the rise of a new regime controlled by the Taliban has put the lives and liberties of women and Afghans who assisted the United States Armed Forces in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, The Taliban is a group known to implement and execute misogynistic policies in occupied territories by barring Afghan women from receiving appropriate educations, discouraging women from being present in public spaces, banning the integration of women into mixed-sex workplaces, and obstructing women’s access to proper healthcare; and

WHEREAS, The tens of thousands of Afghan translators, interpreters, and allies who aided Armed Forces previously deployed in Afghanistan and have secured or are currently being vetted for Special Immigration Visas face the possibility of violent reprisals from the Taliban; and

WHEREAS, The Treasury Department has frozen United States accounts containing billion dollars of Afghan assets worth a substantial fraction of Afghanistan’s legal economy; and

WHEREAS, As a beacon of democracy and a protector of fundamental human rights worldwide, the United States has an obligation to use financial burdens to intimidate and coerce foreign entities seeking to impede upon the innate liberties and the general well-being of people on a large scale; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled guarantee the safety and freedom of women and Special Immigrant Visa recipients and applicants in the nation of Afghanistan by pledging to deny the Taliban any funds appropriated by the United States and extend the withholding of monetary assets from Afghanistan if necessary.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Matthew McGinn.
Holy Ghost Prep
A BILL TO ELIMINATE CLASS RANKINGS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO DECREASE INTERSTUDENT COMPETITION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The class ranking system in many United States public schools based on a weighted system of GPA will be replaced by an unweighted 4.0 GPA scale. This will decrease negative mental stress on students and prevent competitive noncooperation between students.

SECTION 2. A “public school” is defined as any institution free and open to all on equal terms, organized and maintained as one of the institutions of the state, receiving state or federal funding. “Class ranking system” will be defined as any grading system where a mathematical number representing a student’s academic coursework is compared and ranked (higher numbers correspond to higher ranks), with those of other students. Noncompetitive systems (ties allowed) where students receive course difficulty-based weight evaluation will also be considered “Class ranking systems.” “Unweighted” means all courses will be considered equal in numerical status.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education will oversee enforcement with the power to withhold federal funding to any school found in violation of the bill.

A. The Department of Education will create a committee that will identify public schools with class ranking systems.

B. Schools that the committee identifies as lacking the immediate resources to reorganize curriculum will be given until January 5th, 2023 to comply.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Strath Haven High School
A Bill to Evacuate Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Applicants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States military will expeditiously organize a mission to evacuate the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Applicants-- whose lives are at risk after the Taliban takeover.

SECTION 2. Expeditiously, defined as: taking no more than ten days to start.

SECTION 2B. Organize, defined as: to allocate funding and military protection to ensure the safe transport and relocation of SIV applicants in Afghanistan.

SECTION 3. The U.S. State Department will assist the Biden administration in the enforcement of this bill, and necessary funding will come from the budget of the Department of Defense.

A. The Biden administration will arrange temporary placement of the Special Immigrant Visa Applicants in various military bases around the United States.

B. The Biden administration will also oversee the U.S military operation, ensuring the safe transport and arrival of the SIV applicants.

C. The State Department will organize the temporary placement of the SIV applicants-- not housed in American bases-- in willing nations, including but not limited to, Qatar, Canada, Albania, Mexico, Colombia, and Chile.

SECTION 4. As indicated in Section 2, the evacuation of SIV applicants will be initiated following the ten-day period of organization and until all at-risk applicants are safely housed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsbury High School
A RESOLUTION TO SANCTION THE PRESIDENT OF ARMENIA

WHEREAS, President Aliyev of Azerbaijan actions have contributed to increasing numbers of war crimes and a failure to uphold diplomatic agreements in Armenia and

WHEREAS, members of congress of different backgrounds as encouraged by ethnic citizens have expressed uneasiness over Mr. Aliyev’s actions in Armenia and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan was unable to fulfill its part of the ceasefire agreement to guarantee security of persons and cargo moving along the Lachin corridor and have not returned POWs and

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan has launched attacks on civilian targets in Artsakh and has prevented citizens of Stepanakert to access water during drought leaving numerous citizens vulnerable to thirst and violence; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Congress assembled here that we implore the Commander-in-Chief of the United States’ Armed Forces to threaten Mr. Aliyev with sanctions not limited to blockades if Azerbaijan does not abstain from attacking civilian targets and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That if Azerbaijan doesn’t honor the cease-fire agreement the Commander-in-Chief of the United States’ Armed Forces is strongly encouraged the trading of arms with the Republic of Armenia or the use of military force to prevent war crimes against humanity from being committed as stated in clause 138, “Each individual State has the responsibility to protect its populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.”

Respectfully submitted,

LaSalle College High School
A Resolution to Use Project Drawdown to Solve the Global Warming Crisis

WHEREAS, global warming is becoming a prominent issue in the status quo and
WHEREAS, the United Nations claims that there are only eleven (11) years left to
prevent irreversible damage from climate change and
WHEREAS, global warming causes rises in temperatures, sea levels, precipitation,
thawing permafrost, droughts etc.
WHEREAS, despite taking multiple measures, the United States continues to be the
leading contributor to climate change; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled adopt ideas from Project
Drawdown’s Table of Solutions; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Congress will devise future legislation based on
these ideals with the incentive for citizens to follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarayu Cheemalapati
Council Rock North High School
A Bill to Allow Presidential Recall Elections

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. This Bill would allow a recall election onto the seat of the president in the event enough signatures are provided.

SECTION 2. Recall election, An election that can take place during a president's term. Limited to one recall election per term. Signatures, Requiring ID, would need to be collected through the board of elections. A minimum of 50% of Registered voter signatures required for it to be deemed Official.

SECTION 3. This Bill will be enacted through the board of elections as well as congress. The election procedures would be concurrent to that of usual presidential elections. Election will be held approximately 60 days after the recall is officially approved. Recall elections can not happen in the three months that precede a regular presidential Election.

SECTION 4. This Bill to be enacted in the fiscal year 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pennsby Highschool