

A RESOLUTION TO END FELON RE-ENFRANCHISEMENT IN ALL STATES

1. WHEREAS: Approximately 5.26 million people are banned from voting in elections;
2. and
3. WHEREAS: It can be considered a loss of a civil right to deny a person of age the right
4. to vote; and.
5. WHEREAS: Denying the right to vote for felons can create a racial skew as according to
6. the Sentencing Project, 13% of African American males are unable to vote because of
7. felon voting restrictions; and.
8. WHEREAS: Allowing felons to vote may strengthen their social ties and create a
9. positive attitude for the common good; and
10. WHEREAS: In 10 states, if you are convicted of a felony you lose your right to vote for
11. your entire life;
12. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that all
13. felons shall be federally granted the right to vote in all states.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethel Park High School

A Resolution to Ban Chocolate

WHEREAS, Millions of child slaves are being forced to produce up to 75% of the world's cocoa beans that are grown in West Africa.

WHEREAS, There is an estimated 2.1 million children working in the fields and most are victims of trafficking and slavery, and;

WHEREAS, Major chocolate producers, such as Hershey, Nestle and Mars, need to be stopped; as these children are being forced to engage in hazardous work, including working with sharp tools, agricultural chemicals, and carrying heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, If we continue to allow cocoa producers to force these children, from ages 5 to 11, to work in these dangerous conditions the issue will only continue to be forgotten and eventually erased; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled ban the import of any cocoa beans, powder, or other cocoa product from African countries that continue to utilize child labor in the production of cocoa; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the United States will restrict the sale of all commercial chocolate candies, cocoa drinks, and all products made with cocoa produced from child labor. Upon passage this resolution will go into immediate effect.

A Resolution to Ban Plastic Bags

WHEREAS, *Plastic bags are a extreme danger to the environment; and*

WHEREAS, *In a landfill, plastic bags take up to 1000 years to degrade; and*

WHEREAS, *As litter, they breakdown into tiny bits, contaminating our soil and water; and*

WHEREAS, *It costs companies billions of dollars to create plastic bag; and*

WHEREAS, *Plastic bags harm wildlife greatly. Plastic bags can choke or poison fish, animals and birds; now, therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *If not banning plastic bags completely at least place a tax on plastic bags; and, be it.*

A Resolution to Ban the Use of Elephants in Circus Acts

WHEREAS, The majority of entertainment elephants are trained using whips, ropes, [bullhooks](#), electric prods, and other weapons as well as food deprivation; and

WHEREAS, All circus animals have the right to be protected and treated humanely under the Animal Welfare Act; and

WHEREAS, In more than 35 dangerous incidents since 2000, elephants have bolted from circuses, run amok through streets, crashed into buildings, attacked members of the public, and killed and injured handlers; and

WHEREAS, The PETA obtained documents proving that elephants owned by Ringling had tested positive for the human strain of tuberculosis (TB), since at least 2010; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Wide Fund for Nature, or WWF, African Elephants are considered to be an endangered species as of 1978; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution for all elephants to be banned from being a part of any entertainment acts and this act be made illegal throughout the United States.

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE HEALTHCARE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE,
WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE POOR**

WHEREAS: More accessible healthcare to the poor will allow the prevention of disease to spread across the globe; and

WHEREAS: The cost of healthcare is highly inflated in America, unlike other countries, such as Canada, who have free healthcare. Canada's free healthcare is example of how free healthcare is wonderful to have; and

WHEREAS: Free healthcare or at least reduced costs for healthcare in America would allow people to shift their focus from costly medical bills to their health; and

WHEREAS: The reduction of healthcare costs will reduce the death rate in certain countries. As Kay Ireland states in her article "Pros and Cons of Free Universal Health Care," there are 45 million Americans uninsured, "and CNN report(s) that 45,000 Americans are dying per year because they don't have access to health care because costs, a universal health care system would remedy the problem of affordability;" and

WHEREAS: Expensive health care causes thousands of families and individuals to fall into financial catastrophe each year, causing countries financial stress in general; therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Student Congress here today, health care will be made more affordable.

A Resolution to Support Education for Young Girls

WHEREAS: Girls in most countries don't get the same education as boys

WHEREAS: They are expected to stay at home instead of getting the education that they need in order to apply for a career that they want

WHEREAS: Wars and gender inequality affects young girls not getting the education that they need

WHEREAS: Considering that 130 million girls are out of school, we need to increase the amount of schools in most countries for girls specifically

RESOLVED: Be it resolved that girls should receive the same amount of education as boys to excel in their future careers

A Bill to Fund the Cleansing of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A task force will be created to increase efforts to clean the
2 Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP). This task force shall be referred to as
3 the Pacific Cleanup Crew (PCC).

4 **SECTION 2.** A task force shall be defined as a crew consisting of
5 members from multiple different agencies as listed in Section 2A. The
6 Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) shall be defined as a debris patch
7 spanning 1.6 million square kilometers (approximately 620,000 square
8 miles) located within the central Pacific Ocean.

9 A. This task force will consist of 250 members in its first year from
10 agencies including but not limited to: The United States Navy, the
11 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Fish and Wildlife Services
12 (FWS), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the National
13 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

14 **SECTION 3.** \$1 billion will be reallocated from the budget of the National
15 Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to fund the PCC on the first
16 year of this bill's passage.

17 A. \$975 million will be used for the purchase of necessary
18 equipment (as determined by the PCC) to help cleanse the
19 GPGP.

20 B. The remaining \$25 million will be used to pay all individual
21 members of the task force.

22 C. Every year after the first year, \$100 million dollars will be
23 reallocated from the budget of NASA to fund the PCC.

24 D. Funding shall be provided to the PCC every year for 10 years.

25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect in the next fiscal year.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Upper St. Clair High School

A Bill to Repeal H.R. 3162

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** H.R. 3162 shall hereby be repealed by the United States
2 Congress.

3 **SECTION 2.** H.R. 3162 shall be defined as the Uniting and Strengthening
4 America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct
5 Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT ACT). Repeal shall be defined as the
6 nullification or reversal of a law.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Congress will be in charge of the
 implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St. Clair High School.