

RESOLUTION A

A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THAT ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH HAVE “STAND YOUR GROUND” LAWS AMEND THOSE LAWS TO INCLUDE A “DUTY TO RETREAT” STANDARD

1 WHEREAS, Multiple states and territories within the jurisdiction of the United States have abrogated Common Law by adopting what are commonly called “Stand Your Ground” laws. Stand your ground laws are inconsistent with the history and tradition of the United States as they eliminate from the doctrine of self defense the requirement that all persons have a duty to retreat before using deadly force. Numerous innocent people have been killed, but under “Stand Your Ground” laws, those murders have been justified under the law, and

2 WHEREAS, To prevent the killing of innocent victims, and to restore civil order and avoid vigilantism in the United States,

3 RESOLVED, By this Student Congress here assembled that:

4 IT IS NECESSARY To amend 18 USCA Section 922 to add a subsection that requires all States with “Stand Your Ground” laws to amend those laws to include a “Duty to Retreat” clause.

RESOLUTION B

A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES TO RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS)

- 1 WHEREAS, The exploitation of the ocean's resources is a worldwide threat, and
- 2 WHEREAS, The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("UNCLOS") is designed to preserve the ocean resources, and
- 3 WHEREAS The United States Senate has not ratified UNCLOS, and
- 4 WHEREAS It is necessary that the US Federal Government address the issue of the ocean;
- 5 RESOLVED by this Student Congress here assembled that:
- 6 The United States Senate should ratify UNCLOS.

RESOLUTION C

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW 16-YEAR-OLDS TO VOTE IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

1. WHEREAS, engaging young people in the voting process at an early age helps them develop a better understanding of democracy, government, and their civic responsibilities; and
2. WHEREAS, allowing 16-year-olds to participate in local elections provides them with valuable experience and knowledge that will prepare them to vote responsibly in national elections in the future
3. WHEREAS, expanding voting rights to include 16-year-olds will encourage greater civic involvement, responsibility, and political awareness among youth; now, therefore,
4. BE IT RESOLVED: BY TWO THIRDS OF THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
5. The following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress.

ARTICLE 28

SECTION 1 To strengthen democracy by fostering early civic engagement, citizens of the United States who are at least 16 years old shall be permitted to vote in all local elections, including city council, school board, and other community elections.

SECTION 2 The purpose of this amendment is to cultivate informed, responsible voters who are prepared to participate actively in democracy from a young age.

SECTION 3 This amendment shall become effective immediately upon ratification by the required number of states.

BILL D
A Bill to Establish a Federal Ban on Assault Weapons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The sale, transfer, manufacture, importation, and possession of all semiautomatic assault weapons and high-capacity magazines (defined as those capable of holding more than ten rounds of ammunition) shall be prohibited in the United States.

Section 2. Exceptions shall be made for law enforcement officers and active-duty military personnel acting within the scope of their duties.

Section 3. Current owners of such firearms shall have a one-year grace period to surrender their weapons to authorized buyback centers or have them permanently modified to render them inoperable.

Section 4. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) shall be responsible for enforcing this legislation, issuing compliance guidelines, and coordinating with state and local law enforcement agencies.

Section 5. Funding for implementation shall be provided through an annual appropriation from the Department of Justice budget.

Section 6. This act shall take effect six months after passage.

Section 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.