



# Congressional Debate Legislation

## 2026 Hudson Arts & Science Charter Middle School Tournament

Students will compete in one round of Congressional Debate utilizing the four bills/resolutions below. The chamber will vote on the schedule of the docket to start the round.

1. A Bill to Declare War on Venezuela
2. A Resolution to Call for the Inclusion of Gridiron Football at the Olympics
3. A Resolution to Promote Montessori Education Models
4. A Bill to Protect SNAP for U.S. Citizens

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## **A Bill to Declare War on Venezuela**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** To protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of the United States and its
3. territories and to bring about regime change that will prevent further support of
4. terrorism and drug trafficking in the Western Hemisphere, Congress hereby
5. declares a state of war to exist between the United States of America and the
6. Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.
7. **SECTION 2.** Accordingly, Congress authorizes the use of military force by the President, who
8. is invested with his full wartime powers that victory may be achieved against
9. Venezuela for the United States as soon as possible.
10. **SECTION 3.** The Department of State is called upon to leverage support from our allies in
11. this conflict.
12. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
13. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



## **A Resolution to Call for the Inclusion of Gridiron Football at the Olympics**

1. **WHEREAS** Gridiron football—also known as American football, tackle football, or simply
2.                football—is one of the most popular and lucrative sports in the world and by far
3.                the most popular form of football; and
4. **WHEREAS** There are professional leagues playing this sport throughout North America,
5.                Europe, and Asia; and
6. **WHEREAS** The element of tackling is an iconic and essential feature of this sport which truly
7.                puts athletes' physicality to the test and without which the game becomes little
8.                more than a farce; now, therefore be it
9. **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the International Olympic Committee is
10.              directed to incorporate gridiron football in place of flag football as a mandatory
11.              Olympic event as soon as possible; and be it
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress strongly implores the City of Los Angeles to make the
13.              inclusion of gridiron football a requirement of hosting the Summer Olympics in
14.              2028; and be it
15. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress warns the International Olympic Committee and
16.              Team USA that federal funding for the Olympics may be withdrawn if these
17.              recommendations are not heeded.



## **A Resolution to Promote Montessori Education Models**

- 1 **WHEREAS** Maria Montessori's pioneering educational insights and innovations are still
2.                   benefiting educators over seven decades after her death; and
3. **WHEREAS** Many studies have revealed the enormous advantages of the Montessori method
4.                   for students of all ages and grade levels; and
5. **WHEREAS** These unique benefits are especially valuable given the current discord and
6.                   animosity that too often characterize our nation's discourse; now, therefore be it
7. **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that schools of all types throughout the country
8.                   are strongly encouraged to adopt the Montessori Method, in whole or in part; and
9.                   be it
10. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress encourages local Departments of Education to fund
11.                   programs at schools both public and private that support this transition, in
12.                   particular for older grade levels that have been less likely to utilize this method
13.                   previously.



## **A Bill to Protect SNAP for U.S. Citizens**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** Benefits paid to documented citizens of the United States through the
3. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall no longer be halted
4. during government shutdowns.
5. **SECTION 2.** Under no circumstances will SNAP payments be made to undocumented
6. workers and residents during a government shutdown.
7. **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).
8. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage. Should the
9. government be shut down at the time of passage, SNAP benefits shall be
10. restored for U.S. citizens immediately.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.