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A Resolution to make the Federal Minimum Age 18 years old to operate a ‘Smart’ Mobile Device

(henceforth referred to as ‘smartphone’)

1. Whereas: The estimated number of smartphone users in the U.S. is 207.2 million as of 2016 and;
2. Whereas: Research has shown that American citizens under the age of 18 experience very negative side effects from overuse of smartphones and;
3. Whereas: ‘Screen Addiction’ has become a health concern for an estimated 25% of American youth and;
4. Whereas: Smartphone use is empirically linked to depression in young adults, therefore;
5. Be it resolved that the Congress here assembled mandate the federal minimum age at 18 years old to operate a ‘smart’ mobile device.
6. Funding: normal means.
7. Enforcement: The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will be the governing agency.
8. Any/ all conflicting laws/ legislation hereby declared null and void.
9. Sponsor reserves the right to clarify intent.
10. This law will take effect January 1, 2018.

A Resolution to federally mandate compulsory military service for all American citizens aged 18- 21 years.

1. Whereas: The national unemployment rate is around 5% as of October 2016 and;
2. Whereas: Sweeping governmental intervention in domestic economic matters has not happened since WWII and;
3. Whereas: The skills learned in military service translate to the business world and;
4. Whereas: This military service would be paid and the U.S. government would cover 85% of the cost of continuing college education and;
5. Whereas: This service effectively puts America ‘back to work’, therefore;
6. Be it resolved that the Congress here assembled mandate compulsory military service for all American citizens aged 18- 21 years.
7. Funding: normal means.
8. Enforcement: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will be the governing agency.
9. Any/ all conflicting laws/ legislation hereby declared null and void.
10. Sponsor reserves the right to clarify intent.
11. This law will take effect January 1, 2018.

A Resolution to Adopt a Flat Tax System

1. WHEREAS: Middle class families, frequently pay more in taxes, then they can afford,
2. WHEREAS: The Tax code in the United States is extremely
3. complex and time consuming for individuals and families
4. WHEREAS: Corporations can have many lawyers and accountants
5. to find and use tax loopholes to reduce or even eliminate their tax
6. burden
7. WHEREAS: Our current system penalizes families for saving for
8. college or
9. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The United States should
10. replace our current complex and ineffective

**A Bill to End Standardized Testing Requirements**

1 Section 1: The Federal Testing requirements for all US public schools are

2 hereby repealed. Standardized testing requirements will be determined by

3 individual school districts.

4. Section 2: Punitive measures enacted by the Federal requirements against

5 school district from the No Child Left Behind Act, Race to the Top program, or

6 Common Core are hereby removed.

7 Section 3: Money, grants or funding currently allocated to testing may be

8 reallocated to Schools for other educational purposes.

9 Section 4: The Federal Department of Education and all State Education

10 agencies are required to comply with this law.

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

12 and void.

Faithfully Submitted by

Shikellamy High School

# A Resolution to Condemn the Actions of President Recep Tayyip

1. **WHEREAS**, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is acting in ways befitting a dictator
2. **WHEREAS**, President Erdogan and his government have taken over a newspaper
3. and conducted mass arrests
4. **WHEREAS**, the rights of the Turkish people are at stake as long as President
5. Erdogan is in power; and
6. **WHEREAS**,President Erdogan has expanded his power and attempted to crush
7. political opposition
8. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following
9. recommendation for solution and, be it
10. **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his actions are
11. formally condemned by Congress and that he is called upon to step down from
12. office.

**Bill to Legalize Open Carry of Handguns in All 50 States**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. Open carry of handguns is completely illegal in 6 states and is limited in many other states.
3. Section 2. This bill would make open carry of handguns legal in all 50 states without a license for everyone 18 years of age or older with no restrictions other than on private property and businesses, where it would be up to the owner whether open carry is allowed. This bill will not allow high school students who are 18 years of age to open carry in school, but teachers and staff will be able to if they so desire. Open carry on college campuses will be left up to the powers of the college itself to decide. Open carry in public wilderness areas where hunting is allowed would require a valid hunting license. Areas where hunting is not allowed, such as national parks and wildlife refuges would require a special permit to open carry there.
4. Section 3. Open carry deters crime. If a criminal sees a person open carrying, the criminal will know the person is armed and not commit a crime unto this person. States where open carry is legal generally have lower crime rates than states where open carry is illegal. Open carrying is also easier for the person carrying the firearm because they do not have to worry about their firearm being accidentally exposed.
5. Section 4. The state/ local police would be in charge of making sure all citizens are following the proper open carry regulations.
6. Section 5. This bill will be enacted a week after its passing.
7. Section 6. Any law or local ordinance that conflicts with this law will be declared null and void.

**A Bill to end the sanctions on Sudan in order to create a more effective policy**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. The economic sanctions currently placed on Sudan by the United States have not proven to be effective, and therefore a more aggressive policy is necessary.

**SECTION 2**. The sanctions on Sudan, that have been enforced since 1997, have only exacerbated the human rights violations and violence perpetrated by the Sudanese government. In order to properly address the issues still facing the citizens of Sudan, a more focused policy needs to be created.

**SECTION 3.** The Office of Foreign Assets Control will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this bill. Following the enactment of this legislation, there will be a six-month period for the department to develop a more effective plan to replace the current sanctions and propose it to Congress. Should it be passed, then the

sanctions will be removed and the new legislation will be in place.

1. If, at the end of the six month period, a new plan approved by Congress has not been created yet, then a three month period will allow a temporary bill to be passed that will minimize the damage being inflicted upon the Sudanese citizens currently as a result of the sanctions.

**SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2017.

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

**ROUND 2**

Bill to Create a Safer Military

Submitted by Danville Area High School

Section 1: The United States Military shall be tasked with the creation of computerized controllable machines capable of performing many necessary combat functions.

1. Computerized controllable machines are defined as independently functioning unmanned combat vehicles that does not require direct human control.
2. Computerized controllable machines does not include UAVs or RPAS.

Section 2: In order to perform this task, one-hundred million dollars will be granted to each of the five branches of the military to be used in the research and creation of these machines.

Section 3: These machines will be deployed worldwide in dangerous areas as well as battle fields that could result in the loss of human life.

Section 4: These machines will also be used in special operations where stealth is needed or where special tasks need to be performed.

**A Bill to Mandate Adequate Leave**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Every school district and business shall provide employees with adequate leave for personal business.

**Section 2**. Employees will be granted twelve (12) weeks of paid leave for reasons of: birth or care of a newborn child, personal medical reasons, death in immediate family, or care of an immediate family member.

**Section 3.** The Department of Labor (DOL) shall be in charge of overseeing that businesses are in compliance with this bill. Failure to comply will result in a fine to be determined by the DOL.

1. This bill will replace the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA)
2. Schools and businesses will be required to submit a report to the DOL on the first of every month which will entail a monthly report of employees who are currently on or will be going on paid leave in the upcoming month.

**SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on April 1, 2017

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nicholas Allis of Sayre High School.*

**A Bill to Reform Capital Gains Tax**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. Rates of capital gains tax shall be the following:

A. All profit realized before 2 years elapse will be taxed as normal income.

B. Profits realized between 2 and 3 years after investment will be taxed at a 36 percent rate.

 C. Thereafter the rate will decline by 4 percentage points per year until reaching the minimum 20 percent.

**SECTION 2**. No person shall pay a greater rate than they would if capital gains were classified as ordinary income.

**SECTION 3**. Capital gains shall be defined as the profit gained from sale of a financial asset.

**SECTION 4.** The Internal Revenue Service will be responsible for all collections and enforcement.

**SECTION 5.** The bill will be implemented immediately.

**SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted, State College Area High School

**ROUND THREE**

**A Bill to mandate the implementation of Electric Public Buses (E-Buses) to reduce our impact on Global Climate Change and help the economy**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. We shall mandate the use of Electric Buses for all public transportation ( city buses, trolley buses, trams, and metro transit) agencies, as a means to better the environment as well as the economy.

**Section 2**. An E-Bus entails as a bus that is powered with a lithium ion battery.

**Section 3.** The Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Department of Energy shall oversee the implementing and preservation of the E-Buses.

**SECTION 4.** In order to allow time for this transition, there will be no penalty for not using E-Buses until January 1st 2020.

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

**A Bill to Limit the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1**. Any piece of artificial intelligence that is able to be used as a murder weapon, and is able to make decisions via a code shall no longer be allowed in times of war or peace.

**SECTION 2**. Artificial intelligence is defined as giving machines the ability to seem like they have human intelligence.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will hereby be in legal power to uphold this law. The Department of Defense will be granted the power to do as they see fit with any violation

**SECTION 4.** If passed, this bill will take effect immediately

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

***A Resolution to Implement mentoring programs***

**WHEREAS**, teens are able to get experience in the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Get a better idea of what kind of options come after high school; and

**WHEREAS**, more teens will become interested into pursuing higher education

**WHEREAS**, This will stop the downward trend that causes a gap in academic and technological achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, The USFG needs to push the programs to continue to compete to be number one ; and

**WHEREAS**, Waiting will only allow the issue to worsen; be it

**RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States should implement and fund public school programs that allow teens to get experience in the workforce and prepare them for what comes after high school.

**A Bill to Require Schools to Serve Vegan Lunch Options**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Schools will be required to provide vegan lunch options to students, following the same nutritional guidelines now provided by the Food and Nutrition Service.

**Section 2**. Vegan lunch options will be defined as lunches containing no meat or animal products of any kind.

**Section 3.** The Food and Nutrition Service will oversee the enforcement of this bill, making sure that all U.S. schools provide vegan lunch options for their students and providing new requirements for school lunches.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted by the 2017/18 school year.

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

**A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE TAX CREDITS TO SMALL BUSINESSES WHO HIRE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

2 WHEREAS, small businesses with revenue of $1,000,000 or less and have 30 or fewer full-time employees currently receive a maximum of $10,000 tax credit if they hire people with disabilities.

3 WHEREAS, accommodations for people with physical disabilities must be made so they can access the workplace and also perform job duties.

4 WHEREAS, small businesses can’t pay for accommodations for disabled people, therefore

5 BE IT RESOLVED, that the tax credit payment be increased to $15,000 on the stipulation that 50% of the tax credit must be used for accommodations for people with disabilities in the workplace.

**A Resolution to Prevent Cell Phones from Being Used on the Road to Increase Safety**

1. WHEREAS, Drivers are four times as likely to be involved with a car crash if they are
2. using a cell phone; and
3. WHEREAS, This has led to over 1.5 million crashes annually caused by cell phone use
4. alone; and
5. WHEREAS, Texting and driving has been increasing in frequency in recent years; and
6. WHEREAS, New drivers between the ages of 16 and 24 are more likely to be texting and
7. driving; and
8. WHEREAS, Not all fifty (50) states prohibit the use of cell phones while driving.
9. THEREFORE, Be it resolved by this Congress here assembled that:
10. All fifty (50) states shall be encouraged to prohibit all cell phone use by
11. drivers; and
12. Be it further resolved that states declining to prohibit cell phone use
13. by drivers have their Federal Aid Highway Funding reduced by 25%.

A Resolution against the Sale of Arms to Saudi Arabia

1. Whereas: The State Department announced the potential sale of Military arms to
2. Saudi Arabia
3. Whereas: and the sale of arms may harm innocent civilians and may fuel a regional
4. arms race and;
5. Whereas: The sale of arms may also contribute to the killing of innocent Yemen
6. citizens, as has occurred in the past and may be further perpetuated by an influx of
7. weapons into the region.
8. Therefore: Be it resolved by the Congress assembled today that this legislative body
9. vehemently disagrees with the proposed sale of weapons to the Saudi Arabian
10. military by the United States State Department.
11. Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,