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## **A Resolution To Make Healthcare More Accessible To Everyone With A Special Focus On The Poor**

1 Whereas more accessible healthcare to the poor will prevent the spread of diseases across  
2 the globe; and

3 Whereas the cost of healthcare is highly inflated in America, unlike other countries, such as  
4 Canada and Sweden, that have free healthcare.

5 Whereas free healthcare - or at least significantly reduced costs for healthcare - in America  
6 would allow people to shift their focus from costly medical bills to their overall, everyday health;  
7 and

8 Whereas The reduction of healthcare costs will reduce the death rate in certain countries. As  
9 Kay Ireland states in her article "Pros and Cons of Free Universal Health Care, as part of an  
10 analysis of a CNN article - " there are 45 million Americans uninsured. 45,000 Americans are  
11 dying per year because they don't have access to health care because of the cost, and a  
12 universal health care system would remedy the problem of affordability; and

13 Whereas expensive health care causes thousands of families and individuals to fall into  
14 financial catastrophe each year, causing countries financial stress in general;

15 Therefore be it resolved by the Student Congress here today, health care will be made more  
16 affordable.

## **A Resolution to decrease regulations on the free market and invest in the private sector**

1 Whereas government regulations are preventing the free market to reach its full potential.

2 These unnecessary restrictions limiting the free market, and these bills, intended to help the  
3 economy, end up hurting it by inadvertently increasing unemployment and the displacement of  
4 hundreds of jobs; and

5 Whereas regulations such as the federal tax code and payroll taxes decrease the number of  
6 small businesses, and potential business-owners are deterred from creating businesses that  
7 will provide jobs for the unemployed. Current business-owners are also forced to remove  
8 some employees from the work force; and

9 Whereas regulations increase unemployment for those who are unskilled laborers, in which the  
10 regulations are intended to help, and those beginning their job careers, and hurts the economy  
11 by reducing the GDP and creating a large disparity between the upper and working class;  
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED the Student Congress here assembled makes the following recommendation for  
14 solution; reduce the regulations on the free market, simplify the federal tax code for small  
15 businesses to navigate through, and invest in the private sector by providing tax incentives to  
16 open more small businesses.

## **A Resolution to Ban Chocolate**

1 Whereas millions of child slaves are being forced to produce up to 75% of the world's cocoa  
2 beans that are grown in West Africa.

3 Whereas there is an estimated 2.1 million children working in the fields and most are victims of  
4 trafficking and slavery, and;

5 Whereas major chocolate producers, such as Hershey, Nestle and Mars, need to be stopped;  
6 as the children who work for the suppliers to these major chocolate / candy companies are  
7 being forced to engage in hazardous work, including working with sharp tools, agricultural  
8 chemicals, and carrying heavy loads; and

9 Whereas if we continue to allow cocoa producers to force these children, from ages 5 to 11, to  
10 work in these dangerous conditions, the issue will only continue to be forgotten and eventually  
11 considered normal;

12 Therefore, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that the US ban the import of any  
13 cocoa beans, powder, or other cocoa product from African countries that continue to utilize  
14 child labor in the production of cocoa; and

15 Be it further resolved, that the United States will restrict the sale of all commercial chocolate  
16 candies, cocoa drinks, and all products made with cocoa produced from child labor.

## **A Resolution to Ban the Use of Elephants in Circus Acts**

1 Whereas the majority of entertainment elephants are trained using whips, ropes, bullhooks,  
2 electric prods, and other weapons as well as food deprivation; and

3 Whereas all circus animals have the right to be protected and treated humanely under the  
4 Animal Welfare Act; and

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

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

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

12 Therefore be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that all elephants to be  
13 banned from being a part of any entertainment acts and this act be made illegal throughout the  
14 United States.

**A resolution to prohibit refusal of service against any LGBTQ+ American Citizens  
by adding it to national law**

1 Whereas citizens of the United States of America that identify as a member of the LGBTQ+  
2 community are still legally allowed to be refused service by businesses.

3 Whereas this act against LGBTQ+ members through refusal of service can be exemplified by  
4 the recent Mississippi bill passed on July 1, 2016. It clearly enforced the that LGBTQ+ couples  
5 should be denied the right to services if the owner of this business believes so; and

6 Whereas this blatant discrimination is detrimental LGBTQ+ members cannot technically be  
7 considered a violation since the current refusal of service does not allow refusal against race,  
8 color, religion, or nationality, but does not include the classification of being LGBTQ+.

9 Whereas the surfacing awareness of these terms such as homosexual, transgender, and  
10 genderqueer are not a product of a desperate generation, but are rather a deserved  
11 recognition of a community of people that have been disregarded for centuries.

12 Whereas LGBTQ+ members are constantly facing hardships for their sexuality or gender  
13 without proper remorse, and even were initially denied simple and universal human rights such  
14 as marriage up until the 21st century, and are being refused rights that go much further than  
15 the denial to offer service; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation  
17 for a solution by adding the identification of being LGBTQ+ to the exceptions of the law of  
18 refusal of service.

## **A Resolution to Aid Syrian Refugees By Social Security Benefits and Tax Cuts**

1 Whereas the displacement of Syrian refugees into our country needs to be addressed by our  
2 government with humanitarian aid; and

3 Whereas now that President Trump passed the law that cut the amount of Syrian refugees  
4 allowed passage into the United States into half, we are left with the problem that the 110,000  
5 refugees that were coming each year are stuck with no real place to live safely; and

6 Whereas these refugees will face detention, or worse if they return to the Assad regime; and

7 Whereas The United States has always championed international cooperation and aid to those  
8 less fortunate, so we must bind together as a country to uphold these values; now, therefore,  
9 be it

10 Therefore be it resolved that the Student Congress here assembled that the government give  
11 tax cuts and Social Security benefits for these incoming refugees to give them the right to a  
12 safe, happy life.

## **A Resolution to ban the usage to animal testing**

1 Whereas animal testing needs to end due to the nature of the animal abuse; and

2 Whereas more than half a million animals are being tested on and are subjected to painful  
3 experiments and not provided with pain relief; and

4 Whereas it is morally wrong to take healthy animals and induce foreign substances and cause  
5 psychological distress which could debunk the validity of the data made; and

6 Whereas nearly 95% of all drugs that have worked in animal testing has failed in human trials,  
7 essentially making animal testing relatively pointless as is; and

8 Whereas there are better alternatives for testing such as cell-based tests, computer modeling,  
9 and tissue models instead of testing on animals; and now, therefore, be it

10 Therefore be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that animal testing be  
11 banned in the US



## **A resolution to ban plastic bags**

- 1 Whereas plastic bags are an extreme danger to the environment; and
- 2 Whereas in a landfill, plastic bags take up to 1000 years to degrade; and
- 3 Whereas as litter, they breakdown into tiny bits, contaminating our soil and water; and
- 4 Whereas it costs companies billions of dollars to create plastic bags; and
- 5 Whereas plastic bags harm wildlife greatly. Plastic bags can choke or poison fish, animals and
- 6 birds;
- 7 Therefore be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that the government needs
- 8 to consider banning or heavily taxing the sale / purchase of plastic bags to deter their use

## **A Resolution to Mandate Government Funding to Aid the Somalia Hunger Crisis**

1 Whereas the number of Somalian people facing food insecurity continues to increase; and

2 Whereas three million people, one quarter of Somalia's population, are experiencing acute  
3 food shortages at crisis or emergency levels and 363,000 children are suffering from  
4 malnutrition; and

5 Whereas Somalia is experiencing both severe drought and violent conflict from armed groups,  
6 both of which are driving a widespread, dangerous food crisis; and

7 Whereas the United State has the ability to provide \$2 billion through the UNHCR ; and

8 Whereas the United States has a moral obligation to help Somalian citizens to since Trump  
9 has declared us to be a Christian nation and because it is the right thing to do,

10 Therefore be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that government funding  
11 should be increased to reduce the hunger crisis in Somalia.

## **A resolution to implement the Harlem Project in all major cities across the United States**

1 Whereas since the days of segregation, the government's attempts at fixing the education  
2 system to create near-equal educations for wealthy and poor students has failed because of  
3 poor implementation

4 Whereas students in suburban and city schools get different educations because of many  
5 factors, but more often than not, a child's home life can directly determine his / her success in  
6 education. The Harlem Project, also called the Harlem Children's Zone Project, works to  
7 directly impact families and the upbringing / home life of children.

8 Whereas the Harlem Project or the Harlem Children's Zone Project is currently a system that is  
9 working in Harlem and other cities should emulate on a larger scale. Obama started Promise  
10 Zones in a few cities, but even these need to be expanded.

11 Whereas the cost of this is too much for most cities to handle, but if it can break part of the  
12 cycle of poverty that current impacts too many Americans, the system would end up paying for  
13 itself in the long run as children who graduate out of the Harlem project do not rely on public  
14 funds as much as their parents did / do.

15 Whereas in order for this plan to work, children need to be involved from grade school all the  
16 way to college, and parents must be mandated to attend the classes in order for their children  
17 to be a part of the program.

18 Therefore, be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that version of the Harlem  
19 Project be implemented in all major cities in the United States.