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A Resolution to Expand Funding to Develop Solar Power

- 1 WHEREAS, the price of energy commodities have increased to a point that it is
2 contributing to the economic crisis, and
- 3 WHEREAS, various energy sources are decreasing exponentially due to
4 increased competition from other nations and restrictions on
5 mining/drilling in the United States, and
- 6 WHEREAS, solar panels are becoming relatively cost effective due to new
7 technologies, and
- 8 WHEREAS, solar/photovoltaic technology provides free and constant source of
9 energy that can be converted into electricity and heat for a home,
- 10 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the United States
11 will allot funding for the expansion of solar/ photovoltaic
12 technology.

Respectfully submitted by Louisville High School, Canton District

A Resolution to Negotiate with India and Pakistan

- 1 WHEREAS, India has just suffered a terrible terrorist attack
- 2 WHEREAS, India calls this attack their own 9/11
- 3 WHEREAS, India has accused Pakistan for orchestrating these attacks
- 4 WHEREAS, India has also sent jet fighters into Pakistan airspace
- 5 WHEREAS, if this is not stopped soon then the Indo-Pak War will rekindle
- 6 WHEREAS, this war will be much more catastrophic because both Pakistan
- 7 and India are nuclear and are willing to use their nukes.
- 8 WHEREAS, if this occurs then the world will likely be pushed into World War
- 9 III
- 10 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: through diplomacy,
- 11 we negotiate with both India and Pakistan to make sure this
- 12 impending crisis does not get out of hand.

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

Support for Israeli Defense Act (SIDA)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** A. Upon Passage of this Bill, only the following restrictions against Israeli
2 defense purchases shall be in place;

3 1. No Nuclear arms may be purchased.

4 2. No military chemical agents may be purchased.

5 3. No military biological agents may be purchased.

6 B. What is classified as a “military agent” shall be determined by the
7 Department of Defense.

8 **SECTION 2.** Any monetary limits placed on Israeli Defense purchases against American
9 arms manufacturers shall be lifted.

10 **SECTION 3.** Any numerical limits placed on Israeli Defense purchases against American
11 arms manufactures shall be lifted.

Respectfully submitted by Wauseon High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on Prisons in the United States

- 1 WHEREAS, Most prisons in the United States are operating at more than 100% capacity and,
2 WHEREAS, All state and federal prisons are overcrowded, some as much as 33% over their
3 capacity and,
4 WHEREAS, Prisoners are costing the United States \$25,000 per prisoner per year without seeing
5 any monetary return from that prisoner and,
6 WHEREAS, Overcrowded prisons promote gang like activity and black market like economies
7 within the prisons and,
8 WHEREAS, The prisoners are not being properly placed in adequate security level prisons Based
9 on the crimes they were convicted of and,
10 WHEREAS, Overcrowding and misplacement of prisoners increases the level of violence in the
11 prisons; now, therefore, be it
12 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the federal government enact
13 legislation to do three things:
14 1. Relocate prisoners to certain security level prisons based on the severity, and
15 Viciousness of the crimes that they committed and,
16 2. Make prisoners work to make consumer goods in order to help boost the economy
17 and give back to society and,
18 3. Build several new prisons to help re distribute the prison population in order to
19 ease the overcrowding.

Introduced by Michael Oiler, Gahanna Lincoln, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution Concerning Medical Advertisements

1 WHEREAS, the majority of American citizens are not educated enough to make safe and
2 beneficial decisions concerning medical treatment; and

3 WHEREAS, medical advertisement concerning prescription drugs prey on the uniformed
4 citizen; and

5 WHEREAS, unnecessary deaths can be attributed to the misuse of prescription drugs, and

6 WHEREAS, only medical professionals are qualified to diagnose illnesses and prescribe
7 treatment and medication, therefore

8 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: medical advertising of prescription
9 drugs be banned and public advertising be limited to non-prescriptive drugs

Respectfully Submitted by Perrysburg High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Nationalize Maggie's Law

1 WHEREAS, over 170 million adult drivers have claimed to drive while excessively
2 drowsy, and
3 WHEREAS, over 103 million drivers claim to have fallen asleep behind the wheel, and
4 WHEREAS, not sleeping for eighteen hours produces driver impairment worse than driving
5 legally intoxicated, and
6 WHEREAS, fatigued driving causes injury and/or death to over 100,000 American citizens
7 annually, and
8 WHEREAS, most states cannot charge a driver for more than reckless driving even if
9 asleep behind the wheel, and
10 WHEREAS, instituting Maggie's Law nationwide would make it a criminal act to drive
11 while sleep deprived and allow such drivers if a lethal accident occurs, and
12 WHEREAS, in New Jersey, other states, and most European nations similar laws have
13 been effective in raising awareness and preventing fatigued driving,
14 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: : Maggie's Law be instated
15 nationwide in an effort to reduce highway accidents.

Respectfully Submitted by Danielle Goatley, Sylvania Southview High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Bill to Protect the Environment

1 **SECTION 1.** Effective February 1st, 2009, no permitting authority shall issue a permit for a
2 proposed new coal-fired electric generating unit under the Clean Air Act,
3 unless the permit requires the unit to use state-of-the-art control technology to
4 capture and permanently sequester carbon dioxide emissions from such unit.

5 **SECTION 2.** The term “technology” is defined as that which captures not less than 85
6 percent of the total carbon dioxide produced by the unit on an annual average
7 basis and permanently sequesters that carbon dioxide in a geological
8 formation approved by the Administrator in a manner that prevents its later
9 release into the atmosphere.

10 **SECTION 3.** Coal Fired Plants not containing this “technology” still in operation shall have
11 their owning company taxed 1% of their net profits, to be placed into a fund

12 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Energy is to use those funds to promote nuclear power
13 development.

Respectfully Submitted By Perrysburg High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution Regarding the Reverse Mortgage

1 WHEREAS, an estimated 78 million “baby boomers” currently reside in the US
2 with over 7,000 turning 60 each day; and

3 WHEREAS, the job industry for those over 60 is greatly diminished due to the
4 current economic crisis:

5 WHEREAS, reverse mortgages remain one of the most stable methods of
6 supplemental income for those aged 62 or older; and

7 WHEREAS, the number of reverse mortgages have risen a record 4.2% in 2008
8 alone; therefore,

9 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that:: the age required in
10 order to receive a reverse mortgage shall be lowered to 60 by
11 February 28, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by Solon High School, Cleveland District

A Bill Legalizing and Regulating Prostitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. Prostitution is hereby permitted on designated areas of Federal land, referred to as

2 “legal brothels”. These brothels will be subjected to state and federal taxes.

3 Subsection A: No brothel shall be located within 2 miles of any school.

4 SECTION 2. In order to work in the said brothels, prostitutes (now called *Companions*)

5 are required to pay for a *companion* licenses.

6 Subsection A: All applicants for prostitution licenses must be 18 years or older.

7 Subsection B: These licenses can only be obtained after the applicant has tested
8 negative for all Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD).

9 Subsection C: Quarterly check-ups are mandatory for all license-holders.

10 SECTION 3. In order to enlist the services of a *companion*, the clients will be

11 required to pay for a *companion-client* license.

12 Subsection A: All applicants for client licenses must be 18 years or older.

13 Subsection B: These licenses can only be obtained after the applicant has tested
14 negative for all Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD).

15 Subsection C: Quarterly check-ups are mandatory for all license-holders.

16 SECTION 4. Upon arriving at a Federally run brothel, clients shall present their current license

17 to the proper Federal Employee, register at the appropriately designated area, and pay
18 the posted fee.

19 SECTION 5. Clients upon registering and paying at the brothel will be supplied with prophylactic
20 devices.

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1 SECTION 6. Federal government employees will be present during all operating hours of each
2 brothel. These employees will provide security for prostitutes/clients, as well as check
3 for and verify the authenticity and expiration dates of all licenses.

4 SECTION 7. Funding for the salary of said Federal Employees will come from a surcharge
5 included with the *companion* fee charged at registration.

6 SECTION 8. Upon passage, this proposed law will come into effect as of fiscal year 2009-
7 2010. All conflicting legislation shall be declared null and void for persons who are
8 in accordance with this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted by Hannah Harland, Wooster High School, Akron District

A Resolution to Protect the Innocent

- 1 WHEREAS, individuals infected with HIV have an obligation to prevent to further
2 spread of the virus, and
- 3 WHEREAS, there is no known cure for HIV, and
- 4 WHEREAS, the best way to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS is by those carrying the
5 virus to take precautions from spreading it and informing their partners of
6 their HIV status, and
- 7 WHEREAS, only twenty-four states currently have laws that make engaging in sexual
8 activity without informing one's partner as to their HIV status a crime,
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, it ought be a governmental priority to discourage individuals from further
11 spreading HIV, therefore
- 12 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: state governments should be
13 encouraged to prosecute those individuals who knowingly expose others
14 to HIV without their informed consent.

Respectfully Submitted by Poland Seminary High School, Youngstown District

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on Emergency Texting in Schools

1 WHEREAS, Students can't text in the event of an emergency in schools during
2 their free time.

3 WHEREAS, Student texting during free time in the event of an emergency shall
4 be allowed because, if a lesson is not being taught they are not
5 distracting the class.

6 WHEREAS, Students are being punished for things that are not hurting the
7 student body when paging a student in the middle of class distracts
8 students. On therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: We allow texting in
10 the event of an emergency during free time and, with the
11 permission of the teacher.

Introduced by Nicholas P. Rohrs, Wauseon High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Expand Funding for Oil Shale Development

1 WHEREAS, the price of conventional oil commodities has risen exponentially
2 for a period of several years, and

3 WHEREAS, key oil exporters (i.e. Iran, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, and Venezuela)
4 have increasingly rogue governments, and

5 WHEREAS, the United States will consume 22% more oil by 2030 as
6 compared to 2005, and

7 WHEREAS, 1 billion barrels of oil have been produced by energy companies to
8 date, and

9 WHEREAS, there is 6-7 trillion barrels of conventional and non-conventional
10 (i.e. oil shale) oil known to be available already, and

11 WHEREAS, the United States will have to import 61% of the oil used by 2030,
12 up from 36% in 1980, and

13 WHEREAS, extraction of oil shale has become cost effective due to new
14 technologies, therefore

15 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the United States
16 will allot funding for the expansion of refining oil shale resources.

Respectfully submitted by Louisville High School, Canton District

A Bill Creating Instant Runoff Voting

- 1 SECTION 1. All federal elections will be conducted using instant runoff voting.
- 2 A. Instant runoff voting will be defined as a way of voting using a preferential
- 3 ballot.
- 4 B. Voters will select candidates in order of personal preference.
- 5 C. After the first round of voting the Federal Elections Commission will
- 6 remove the candidate(s) receiving the fewest votes.
- 7 D. The Federal Elections Commission will then recount the votes with that
- 8 candidate being eliminated and all voters with that candidate as their first
- 9 choice will vote for their second preference. This continues until a candidate
- 10 receives a majority of the votes.
- 11 SECTION 2. All states containing at least one county not complying with this legislation
- 12 will lose all federal funding.
- 13 SECTION 3. Funding for this legislation will come from a .01% increase in the
- 14 taxation of every income tax bracket.
- 15 SECTION 4. This legislation will be enacted immediately upon passage and all
- 16 counties must be in compliance by July of 2011.

Respectfully Submitted By Perrysburg High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution Concerning Internet Content Filtering in Public Schools

1 WHEREAS, nearly all public school districts in the United States employ Internet content
2 filtering software to receive federal e-rate funding, and
3 WHEREAS, this software restricts access to material above and beyond the scope of the
4 Child Internet Protection Act, and
5 WHEREAS, these restrictions prevent students from taking advantage of emerging
6 technologies in education, and
7 WHEREAS, these restrictions also prevent teachers from utilizing emerging technologies
8 to supplement their instruction
9 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: schools receiving federal e-rate
10 funding set the levels of their Internet content filtering software to meet only
11 those standards prescribed by the Internet Child Protection Act.

Respectfully Submitted by Sylvania Southview High School, Tarhe Trails District

Resolution to abolish the Death Penalty

1 WHEREAS, death by lethal injection can be considered cruel and unusual
2 punishment and

3 WHEREAS, many death penalty verdicts are arbitrary and discriminatory,
4 contradicting the spirit of our legal system.

5 WHEREAS, appeal and court costs outweigh imprisonment costs and

6 WHEREAS, the death of innocents is never acceptable and

7 WHEREAS, the death penalty disobeys natural and international law

8 WHEREAS, the United States, as a leader of nations and a beacon of
9 democracy, should be an example of high standards in human
10 rights

11 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: a committee be
12 formed to reevaluate and discuss alternatives to and possible
13 abolishment of the death penalty in the United States of America

Respectfully Submitted by Notre Dame Academy, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Increase Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

- 1 WHEREAS, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research, in the years of 2000
2 to 2004, adult stem cells used in over 25,000 bone marrow transplants have
3 caused at least 3,629 American deaths, 624 of which involving children under
4 the age of 18, and,
- 5 WHEREAS, according to the National Center of Health Statistics, if the trend continues,
6 this number will increase and will reach the 5,000th victim as of December of
7 2008, and,
- 8 WHEREAS, embryos used from this process are left over embryos from in vitro
9 fertilization with the consent of the donor, and,
- 10 WHEREAS, embryonic stem cells, through research, could help cure diseases such as
11 lymphoma, leukemia, blood diseases, and help reverse birth defects, and,
- 12 WHEREAS, by expanding funding, we could save thousands of lives by using left over
13 embryos that would not go to use, and lead to the possible cures of currently
14 terminal disease, and,
- 15 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: we increase funding on embryonic
16 stem cell research in the state of Ohio by 10 million dollars per year, and if
17 proven effective, legalize the use of embryonic stem cells in the state of Ohio
18 at a later time. This money will solely be used for embryonic stem cell
19 research.

Respectfully submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

A Resolution to Abolish the Federal Minimum Wage

1 WHEREAS, the current federal minimum wage is \$6.55 and will increase to \$7.25 by July
2 24, 2009, and

3 WHEREAS, the federal minimum wage disrupts the balance of supply for labor and its
4 demand, and

5 WHEREAS, the federal minimum wage has cost many low-skill, and entry-level jobs, and,

6 WHEREAS, small businesses have been forced to reduce hours and lay off workers as a
7 result of the rising federal minimum wage, and

8 WHEREAS, 3.3 million American jobs will be outsourced by 2015 as a result of factors
9 including the minimum wage, therefore

10 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the federal minimum
11 wage be abolished as of July 24, 2009, and that all federal laws not in
12 compliance with this resolution will hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Zhou, Solon High School, Cleveland District

A Resolution to Abolish the Principle of Double Jeopardy

1 WHEREAS, the “double jeopardy” principle is a great impediment to justice,
2 and
3 WHEREAS, those who are guilty can still potentially be declared innocent, and
4 WHEREAS, the development of new incriminating evidence and arguments is
5 possible, and
6 WHEREAS, ending the double jeopardy principle provides a check against
7 corruption in our legal system, and
8 WHEREAS, abolishing this rule best protects the American people, therefore
9 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the United States end
10 the Double Jeopardy principle to better serve the American People.

Respectfully Submitted by Poland Seminary High School, Youngstown District

A Resolution to Increase Aid to Darfur

- 1 WHEREAS, Darfur has become increasingly violent as years pass
- 2 WHEREAS, Darfur is classified as a genocide and
- 3 WHEREAS, the United States of America has a moral obligation to help
- 4 countries in need
- 5 WHEREAS, if this genocide isn't stopped it could escalate into WWII
- 6 WHEREAS, this genocide has claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of
- 7 innocent human beings
- 8 WHEREAS, millions of people have lost their homes due to ongoing genocide
- 9 WHEREAS, the United States should send help through the Peace Corps
- 10 instead of Army
- 11 WHEREAS, by solving the current genocide in Darfur the U.S. can regain its
- 12 soft power leadership
- 13 WHEREAS, the African Union has done next to nothing to help the genocide in
- 14 their country
- 15 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the United States
- 16 send aid to Darfur by means of Peace Corps and stop the ongoing
- 17 genocide that is occurring there right now.

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

A Joint Resolution for Presidential Line Item Vetoes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1. The President of The United States of America shall have the power of line
2 item vetoing.
- 3 SECTION 2. Line item vetoing shall be under the same guidelines as listed in the Line Item
4 Veto Act of 1996.
5 Section 2 of this Joint Resolution shall be held true and make any regulations
6 that directly affect it in the Line Item Veto Act of 1996 null and void.
- 7 SECTION 3. For a line item veto, made by the President, to be overturned, both the House
8 of Representatives and the Senate must reach a favorable vote from 3/4 of
9 each chamber.
- 10 SECTION 4. Any regulations that directly affect this legislation shall be said to be null and
11 void upon passage of this legislation. This legislation shall take effect 10 days
12 after passage.

Respectfully submitted by Wauseon High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Establish a Flat Medical Malpractice Rate in the United States of America

- 1 WHEREAS, malpractice is incredibly high and by lowering to a flat rate malpractice rate it would
2 help improve the economy,
- 3 WHEREAS, high malpractice rates have forced doctors in high risk specialties to leave their
4 positions,
- 5 WHEREAS, with high malpractice rates, there is a doctor shortage in the United States and we are
6 hiring doctors from around the world for their service,
- 7 WHEREAS, people have abused their power to issue a malpractice case against their doctors,
- 8 WHEREAS, doctors are suffering with the high cost of malpractice insurance,
- 9 WHEREAS, with a flat malpractice rate, doctors will be able to provide better healthcare without
10 paying too much to do their job, to save the lives,
- 11 WHEREAS, Doctors are suffering with such high costs when they do so much to save lives
- 12 WHEREAS, the flat malpractice will be determined by the Federal Government that best suits
13 doctors the doctors,
- 14 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: we establish a flat medical malpractice
15 rate in the US to help doctors and to decrease the doctor shortage in North America.

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

A Resolution Regarding the Reverse Mortgage

1 WHEREAS, an estimated 78 million “baby boomers” currently reside in the US
2 with over 7,000 turning 60 each day; and

3 WHEREAS, the job industry for those over 60 is greatly diminished due to the
4 current economic crisis:

5 WHEREAS, reverse mortgages remain one of the most stable methods of
6 supplemental income for those aged 62 or older; and

7 WHEREAS, the number of reverse mortgages have risen a record 4.2% in 2008
8 alone; therefore,

9 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the age required in
10 order to receive a reverse mortgage shall be lowered to 60 by
11 February 28, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted by Solon High School, Cleveland District

A Resolution to Mandate Voter Registration

1 WHEREAS, participation in free and fair elections is essential to the success of any
2 democracy, and

3 WHEREAS, voter turnout in the United States has been below 60% for presidential
4 elections in every election since 1968, and

5 WHEREAS, voter turnout in the United States in non-presidential election years has been
6 and continues to be even lower than turnout for presidential election years,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, this figure lags far behind other democracies, such as Malta, the Czech
9 Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, and Estonia, among dozens of
10 others, and

11 WHEREAS, the United States claims to be a figurehead and beacon of democracy, yet
12 fails to participate in the most fundamental aspect of any democracy,
13 something dozens of other democracies surpass the United States in, and

14 WHEREAS, in order for the United States government to accurately represent their
15 citizens, this hypocrisy must be corrected, and

16 WHEREAS, voter turnout among registered voters routinely exceeds 80%,

17 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: All United States citizens
18 will be required by law to complete the voter registration process within six
19 months after their eighteenth birthday.

Respectfully Submitted by Jacob Marco, Sylvania Southview High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Abolish Guantanamo Bay

1 WHEREAS, the negative treatment given to the prisoners has given the US a bad
2 image on top of the War of Iraq,
3 WHEREAS, in the past the UN has urged the US to abolish Guantanamo Bay after an
4 eighteen month investigation,
5 WHEREAS, President-Elect Barack Obama has stated he is creating a plan to abolish
6 Guantanamo Bay,
7 WHEREAS, the living conditions for prisoners at Guantanamo Bay is highly
8 unreasonable and is considered to be torture,
9 WHEREAS, the United States congress as attempted three times in the past to abolish
10 the use of Guantanamo bay,
11 WHEREAS, fifty-three percent of the prisoners arrested and sentenced to
12 Guantanamo Bay have not committed any hostile acts against the US
13 government,
14 WHEREAS, it costs on an average of 90 to 118 million dollars a year to operate
15 Guantanamo Bay,
16 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: Guantanamo Bay prisoners
17 receive immediate trial in the US and to abolish the Guantanamo Bay
18 prison.

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on Piracy of the Worlds Oceans

1 WHEREAS, Piracy is a threat to many nations, primarily the United States of
2 America; and
3 WHEREAS, Piracy threatens most of the worlds economy, and
4 WHEREAS, Piracy costs the United States \$35 billion dollars a year; now, therefore,
5 be it
6 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: The United States along
7 with the United Nations change international law so that all ships shall
8 carry weapons to defend themselves against pirate attacks; and, be it
9 FURTHER RESOLVED That: the United States along with the United Nations Change
10 international law so that the U.S. and other countries will be allowed to
11 pursue pirates freely across the world, arrest, and prosecute them for
12 piracy; and, be it
13 FURTHER RESOLVED That: the United States, the United Nations, and the
14 International Maritime Bureau make it mandatory for all cargo, oil,
15 passenger, aid, and other ships recognized by the International Maritime
16 Bureau be equipped with a non lethal long range acoustic device system
17 or LRAD to protect them from pirates.

Introduced by Michael Oiler, Gahanna Lincoln, Tarhe Trails

A Resolution to Amend the Telephone Consumer Protection Act

1 WHEREAS, according to Sophos, during the first quarter of 2008, nearly 92.3% of all
2 email sent were considered spam, and,
3 WHEREAS, PC magazine stated in 2002 that each day, AOL tech support receives over
4 250,000 spam related complaints, and,
5 WHEREAS, spam email contains ads for pornography sites, medications, get-rich-quick
6 schemes, diet plans and other dangerous and misleading schemes, and,
7 WHEREAS, spam is sent to an email recipient without the consent of the recipient, and,
8 WHEREAS, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 (TCPA) restricts the sending
9 of unauthorized advertisements to fax machines, SMS text messages, and the
10 sending of prerecorded voice messages to telephones, and,
11 WHEREAS, the TCPA created strict restrictions on telemarketing such as time restrictions
12 and Do Not Call lists, and,
13 WHEREAS, spam email could follow a similar process with a Do Not Email list and
14 follow similar provisions as the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005, and,
15 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: spam and junk email will be
16 added to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991 in order to prevent
17 the sending of spam email to unwilling recipients. This act will follow with an
18 optional Do Not Email list and a fine to solicitors who break this law as listed
19 in the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.

Respectfully submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

A Resolution Calling for the End of the War on Drugs

- 1 WHEREAS, The Government currently spends roughly twelve billion dollars a year in an
2 attempt to root out narcotics in this country
- 3 WHEREAS, Thirty billion dollars is spent each year incarcerating drug offers, a super
4 majority of which are non-violent users of drugs, not dealers
- 5 WHEREAS, These non-violent offenders place a considerable strain on our already
6 overcrowded prison system
- 7 WHEREAS, The War on Drugs has created a situation where racial minorities face a
8 disproportionate rate of prosecution, conviction, and length of sentence
- 9 WHEREAS, Previous attempts at prohibition in United States History has failed; therefore,
10 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: Congress calls upon the United
11 States Government to end the war on drugs

Respectfully Submitted by Perrysburg High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Remove the Embargo on Cuba

- 1 WHEREAS, the trade embargo no longer has any basis because it arose from a geopolitical
2 concern and should now be lifted since Cuba is no longer a military threat,
3 WHEREAS, many Cuban citizens suffer from malnutrition, poverty, and disease,
4 WHEREAS, Cuba's economy will improve if we open up trade, thereby reducing the
5 severity of the social problems discussed in the previous clause,
6 WHEREAS, America will benefit as well due to higher exports because there will be a
7 high demand for U.S. products,
8 WHEREAS, engaging in trade with Cuba will result in a more positive and mutually
9 beneficial relationship between our countries, which will increase the chances
10 that Cuba will adopt a democratic government in the near future,
11 WHEREAS, Raul Castro has stated that he is open to meeting Obama to discuss the issue
12 of the embargo therefore,
13 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the trade embargo placed upon
14 Cuba is removed and that trade as well as travel between the U.S. and Cuba is
15 restored.

Respectfully Submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District

A Bill to Insure US Automakers' Solvency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All U.S. automakers will produce one type of hybrid vehicle for each type of
2 non-hybrid vehicle.

3 **SECTION 2.** A hybrid vehicle shall be defined as a vehicle whose engine uses two different
4 power sources.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce will decide upon a sufficient tax incentive to be
6 given to U.S. automakers to balance the initial cost of beginning the
7 conversion process and to encourage the continuation of compliance with this
8 bill. The U.S. Department of Transportation shall oversee all other aspects of
9 this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** Any U.S. automaker not in compliance will be charged a biannual fee as
11 decided upon by the Department of Transportation. All monetary gatherings
12 from this cause shall be allocated to alternative energy research and
13 development.

14 **SECTION 5.** This piece of legislation will not be in effect until seven yeas after passage.

15 **SECTION 6.** All legislation in conflict with this piece of legislation is hereby declared null
16 and void.

17 **SECTION 7.** This piece of legislation can be further supplemented by other legislation at a
18 future date

Respectfully Submitted by Wauseon High School, Tarhe Trails District

A Resolution to Abolish Death Penalty

- 1 WHEREAS, on the eighth amendment of the Bill of Rights it say “Excessive
2 bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel
3 and unusual punishments inflicted”, and
- 4 WHEREAS, most of the ways used to kill people from the death penalty is
5 inhumane and contradicts amendment eight and,
- 6 WHEREAS, the methods of the death penalty include electrocution, lethal
7 injection, hanging, and some states use firing squad or gas chamber
8 and,
- 9 WHEREAS, all of these methods are both cruel and/or unusual and,
- 10 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the use of the death
11 penalty is a inhumane way to sentence and it should be abolished
12 in all fifty states as a sentence and that the states find a alternative
13 way of sentencing a felon.

Respectfully submitted by Wooster High School, Akron District

A Resolution Concerning the Matthew Shepard Act

1 WHEREAS, according to the FBI, as of 2006, 7,722 hate crimes were committed, and,
2 WHEREAS, 910 of these hate crimes were proven to be anti-homosexual hate crimes, and,
3 WHEREAS, the Justice Department found there to be an average of 191,000 hate crimes
4 committed annually, meaning it's 19-31 times higher than that reported by
5 FBI statistics, and,
6 WHEREAS, the Matthew Shepard Act would expand the law to allow the Justice
7 Department to review biased or homosexual related hate crimes, eliminate the
8 restriction of federal involvement under existing laws, and add sexually
9 oriented hate crimes to the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and, mandate a mental
10 examination of the offender and add a mandatory 5 years onto sentence if
11 convicted, and,
12 WHEREAS, a study done by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that 73% of Americans
13 support the passing of hate crime legislation that includes the prosecution of
14 sexually oriented hate crimes, and,
15 RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that: the Matthew Shepard Act will be
16 amended to add a mandatory mental examination of the offender and add 5
17 years onto prison time if convicted of committing a hate crime and finally be
18 passed in order to protect victims of gender provoked or sexually oriented hate
19 crimes and to further the data studies of said crimes

Respectfully submitted by Jackson High School, Canton District