

RESOLUTION 401

A Resolution Proposing A Constitutional Amendment Creating Congressional Term Limits

1. *Whereas:* 85-95% of incumbents in the House of Representatives and Senate
2. are reelected every year.
3. *Whereas:* incumbents outspend their opponents by nearly 5-1.
4. *Whereas:* incumbents hold an overwhelming and unfair fundraising advantage
5. due to increased media coverage/name recognition, a full-time office staff,
6. and franked mail.
7. *Whereas:* term limits will increase voter choice by allowing candidates with
8. lesser fund-raising ability to realistically run for office.
9. *Whereas:* limited time in office will encourage voting on principle and
10. reduce the influence of interest groups.
11. *Whereas:* term limits will increase the flow of fresh ideas and viewpoints in
12. a repeatedly stagnant legislature.
13. *Whereas:* term limits will create a Congress of short-term citizen legislators
14. rather than long-term career politicians.
15. *Therefore, let it be enacted by the BCFL Student Congress here assembled*
16. *THAT:* A constitutional amendment limiting Senators to two (2) six year
17. terms and Representatives to three (3) two year terms be submitted to the
18. states for ratification and be enacted upon the approval of three fourths.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nate Macon
Hereford High

RESOLUTION 402

A Resolution for Mandatory Mental Health Screenings in the Armed Forces

1. **WHEREAS**, Traumatic, high stress events are major triggers for mental illness;
2. **WHEREAS**, Members of the armed forces are at extremely high risk for
3. developing mental illness because of combat stress; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, Mental illnesses are chronic and require carefully balanced, time
5. consuming, and costly medication and therapy regimens for treatment;
6. **WHEREAS**, In severe cases these illnesses can lead to death from suicide;
7. **WHEREAS**, 20% of yearly suicide deaths in America are those of veterans;
8. **WHEREAS**, Persons entering the armed forces with a preexisting mental condition
9. may not be aware of it and should be professionally screened.
10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that this student congress here assembled mandate mental
11. health screenings, to members of the armed forces prior to deployment
12. in order to minimize the exacerbation of pre-existing mental illness
13. conditions and after deployment in order to get adequate care to
14. veterans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie Hess

Hereford High School

RESOLUTION 403

A Resolution to Eliminate Paper and Coin Money

- 1) WHEREAS, paper and coin money are inconvenient, and
- 2) WHEREAS, it is monetarily inefficient to produce paper and coin money, and
- 3) WHEREAS the US Treasury system's worth is based on faith, not on gold, and
- 4) WHEREAS paper can be easily counterfeited, and
- 5) WHEREAS paper and coin money can spread germs and diseases,
- 6) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here assembled that all
- 7) paper and coin money should be phased out of circulation and replaced by a national
- 8) debit card system.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 404

A Resolution to Relieve the Debt of the Poorest Nations to Advance Anti-Poverty Efforts

1 *Whereas:* countries of the third world suffer from immense debt owed to Western
2 nations and creditors; and

3 *Whereas:* these loan repayments cripple nations' efforts to address severe poverty
4 problems and make them dependent on foreign aid; and

5 *Whereas:* many of these loans were incurred under corrupt dictators; and

6 *Whereas:* relief of this debt will enable nations to pursue effective anti-poverty
7 initiatives and provide social services for their people;

8 *Therefore, be it resolved by this Baltimore Catholic Forensic League Student*

9 *Congress assembled here that:* the United States forgive the debt of developing
10 nations who pledge to use the relieved funds to pursue anti-poverty and social
11 service programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Governor Thomas Johnson High School

BILL 405

A Bill to Ban the use of Antibiotics in Livestock Feed

- 1 **Article I:** The use of antibiotics in livestock feed will be prohibited.
- 2 **Article II:** A. The term “livestock” includes any animal, whether mammalian, fish, or fowl,
3 that is raised for the purpose of human consumption.
- 4 B. The use of antibiotics in livestock feed is permissible in the event of illness or
5 as deemed necessary by a veterinarian.
- 6 **Article III:** The provisions of this bill shall take effect six months from passage of this bill.
- 7 **Article IV:** The United States Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for enforcing
8 the provisions of this bill.
- 9 **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Chai
Central Maryland Homeschoolers

RESOLUTION 406

A Resolution to Modernize Affirmative Action

- 1 Whereas, race-based affirmative action has run its course, and
2 Whereas, race-based affirmative action no longer targets the oppressed,
3 and
4 Whereas, socio-economic affirmative action better distributes opportunity,
5 Therefore
6 **Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that:**
6 The United States Federal Government should stop sanctioning race
7 based affirmative action;
8. The United States Federal Government should shift its policy of race
9. based affirmative action to one of socio-economic affirmative action;
10 The United States Federal Government should take affirmative action to
11 assure opportunity to members of all socio-economic platforms.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 407

A RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE

- 1 Whereas, more and more industrialized nations are lowering their voting
ages; and,
- 2 Whereas, many sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds are tax-paying members of
3 society; and,
- 4 Whereas, youths may be tried in a court of law as an adult; and,
- 5 Whereas, youths are some of the most politically aware members of society;
6 therefore,
- 7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress Assembled that a constitutional
8 amendment be proposed to the states to reduce the voting age to sixteen.

Respectfully submitted by

Samantha Santana

The Catholic High School

BILL 408
A Bill to Democratize the Dictatorships of the Great
Lakes Region and Central Asia By Incentives and
Sanctions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will place targeted sanctions on the countries of
3 Uganda, Rwanda, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan
4 because of their human rights abuses. The sanctions for one of the said
5 countries when that country is regarded as free by certain democratic
6 institutions and has taken corresponding actions. Additionally, upon the
7 lifting of the target sanctions, the US will increase aid levels before the
8 sanctions for inflation and then a further 25% after 2 years of fulfilling the
9 goals. These incentives can be retroactively canceled if regression occurs.

10 **SECTION 2.** targeted sanctions- sanctions that ban the sale of high end goods that only
11 the elite of the country would buy; banks will also be sanctioned. The
12 actions that will be required to lift the sanctions and resume increased aid
13 will be: a rating of free by Freedom House, democratic elections declared
14 free and fair by foreign observers will 100% access to all polling stations,
15 a Free Press rating of free by Freedom House, and meaningful and
16 effective efforts to tackle any corruption problems before aid is resumed.

17 **SECTION 3.** The State Department, the Government Accountability Office and the
18 Treasury will be responsible for enacting this bill.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill is to be effective on January 11, 2011.

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

*Introduced by
Paul Weisko
Towson High School.*

BILL 501

SERVICE & REPARATIONS ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States shall establish a 3% sales, federal income, and business tax on all citizens of the United States. And the revenue received from these taxes shall go to able bodied veterans or Veterans with disabilities who were ineligible who have received an honorable discharge from ages 18-30 years old . Be it also that Veterans Day be extended and changed to Veteran's Week.

SECTION 2.

In order to provide for the general welfare of young Veterans with families (who have seen combat, has left the service ,and have been members of the Army ,Marines, Air force, or Navy), be it that they shall receive a check at the end of each month of 6,400. These checks will continue depending on the length of the service .

Under a year (2yr.) (1)c

1-3 year (4yr.)(2)c

4-6(5yr.)(3)c

7 years and over(6yr.)(4)c

These expenses shall be paid by the 3% tax on the listed areas. These time frames are cumulative.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this bill shall take place at the end of the 2010 fiscal year.

SECTION 4. The Department of Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

SECTION 5. All laws or portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this bill shall considered null in void .

Presented By:
Bobby Lindsey
Towson High

RESOLUTION 502

A Resolution to Attack Iran

1 **WHEREAS,** Iran hates the United States and is a threat to United States security; and

2 **WHEREAS,** Iran sponsors terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah, Hamas and Iraqi
3 militias with weapons that those groups use against the United States
4 military in the Middles East and United states allies; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Iran is also actively seeking banned weapons and seeking and buying
6 nuclear weapons illegally from China, Russia, and North Korea, which is a
7 violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; now, therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation that the United States should attack Iran as soon as
10 possible.

*Introduced by
Westminster High School*

BILL 503

A Bill to Privatize Amtrak

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The National Railroad Passenger Corporation, or Amtrak, shall be
3 privatized.

4 **SECTION 2.** Privatization of Amtrak is defined as changing from governmental to
5 private control and ownership through the sale of preferred stock and de-
6 federalizing the appointment of Amtrak's Board of Directors.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will oversee the enforcement of this bill,
8 which is binding to all parties in agreement to Section 1 and has the same
9 effect as if arrived at by agreement of the parties under the Railway Labor
10 Act.

11 **SECTION 4.** Amtrak's preferred stock will be saleable upon passage of this bill and
12 Amtrak's Board of Directors managed by the corporation's owners .

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

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 504

A Resolution to Repeal the DADT Policy

WHEREAS, The Clinton Administration implemented the DADT policy in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Reports of “Gay Bashing” and “Lesbian Baiting” have been evident in the military; and

WHEREAS, 12,500 troops were discharged from 1993-2003 because of their homosexuality; and

WHEREAS, Recruiting has cost the military \$95.4 million and training replacements for the discharged troops has proven very expensive; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-two countries of NATO already permit homosexuals to serve openly in their armed forces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that the United States federal government repeal the Don’t Ask Don’t Tell Policy.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 505

A Resolution Concerning School Start Times

1. Whereas, scientific and medical research reveals that the internal biological
2. clocks of most adolescents are naturally programmed to stay awake late into
3. the evening and arise later in the morning and
4. Whereas, traditional high school start times coordinate with the biological
6. clocks of the adult teachers and administrators rather than the students who
7. are supposed to be the ones being served, and
8. Whereas, early start times may benefit school sports programs by allowing for
9. afternoon practices, but the focus of school districts should be on academics
10. rather than sports, Therefore
11. BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress assembled that school
12. districts should investigate and implement so-called "late start times"
13. in accordance with the physical and mental needs of their students.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 506

A Resolution to Ban Legacy College Admissions

WHEREAS, Legacy students generally grow up with every educational advantage including households that emphasize education, access to the best schools, tutoring, SAT preparation courses, and even college admissions consultants and

WHEREAS, Legacy admissions reward teens who have squandered these advantages; and

WHEREAS, Recent movements in the United States to dismantel minority preferences in college admissions policies have ignored the impact of legacy admissions on diversity; and

WHEREAS, A recent study of college admissions data indicated that approximately 15 per cent of freshmen enrolled in America’s most selective universities were Caucasian teens who failed to meet their institution’s minimum admission standards; and

WHEREAS, Universities with the greatest number of legacy admissions were also the universities with the least racial and economic diversity, and

WHEREAS, Middle class students have been steadily squeezed out of the most selective universities by legacy admission policies, and

WHEREAS, Legacy admissions may violate the constitution’s “nobility” ban which prohibits conveying rights through heredity, and

WHEREAS, Alumni will continue to contribute to their alma maters without the incentive of legacy admissions, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that legacy admissions should be prohibited by all colleges and universities in the United States.

Respectfully submitted by

Delisha Thompson

The Catholic High School

RESOLUTION 507

A Resolution For Aids Testing

- 1) WHEREAS 90% of all people afflicted with AIDS are unaware they are infected, and
- 2) unknowingly spread it to others, and
- 3) WHEREAS AIDS can remain dormant for years and strike without warning, and
- 4) WHEREAS AIDS is spreading at an alarming rate and will decimate our nation
- 5) unless it is stopped, and
- 6) WHEREAS AIDS will continue to spread and kill un-checked, until it is no longer
- 7) possible to stop or even slow,
- 8) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the student congress here assembled, that the
- 9) US should enact an annual, mandatory AIDS testing program.

Un-sponsored legislation

RESOLUTION 508

Resolution to change the Immigration and Citizenship Standards

1. Whereas, the majority of Americans can not pass the citizenship test as it is now
2. and,
3. Whereas, the means of giving the citizenship test is left to the discretion of the
4. tester and is therefore inconsistent and,
5. Whereas, this country was built on immigration and,
6. Whereas immigration has done more good for America than bad and,
7. Whereas America is a melting pot of cultures and we should not determine who
8. can and can't come in on numbers and,
9. Whereas allowing these immigrants to become citizens will fix the problem of
10. them not being taxed Therefore,
11. Be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that:
12. The United States should change the immigration policy and citizenship test to
13. allow for more people to immigrate as long as the immigrants meet standards as
14. set by this congress including that after six months of being in the US said
15. immigrants:
 16. A. Have found a job or can provide evidence that they have been trying to
 17. get one.
 18. B. Have filed the necessary paperwork to become a citizen.
 19. C. Have not committed a crime.

Un-sponsored legislation