

Area: I

A Resolution Urging the President to Sign the Rome Statute of the ICC

1 WHEREAS, the current president, George W. Bush, withdrew the presidential signature needed for
2 the United States to become a part of the ICC; and
3 WHEREAS, Because of this the United States is not able to take part in the prosecution of
4 individuals that have committed crimes against humanity; and
5 WHEREAS, If the United States were to adopt the Rome Statute we would have the ability to bring
6 to justice many individuals that must be dealt with on an international scale; now, therefore, be it
7 RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled recommend the President to sign the
8 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; and be it
9 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the student congress here assembled ratify the President's signature
10 upon passage of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brian Lynn

Western High

Area: I

A Resolution to Increase Ties with Venezuela

- 1 Whereas: Hugo Chavez, President of Venezuela, has considerable influence in Latin America and,
- 2 Whereas: The United States must have the support of Chavez in order to have influence in the
- 3 region and
- 4 Whereas: Venezuela is an important trade partner to the United States
- 5 Be it Further Resolved: This Congress will urge the President to host a summit on Latin America
- 6 economic issues with Venezuela in February 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Syosset High School

Area: I

A Resolution to Increase Investment in Brazil

1 Whereas: The United States needs to develop a more substantial partnership with the region of Latin
2 America and

3 Whereas: Brazil has a government that is open to working with the United States and

4 Whereas: Foreign Investment is a more effective tool for growth than foreign aid

5 Be it Resolved: This Student Congress invest in the infrastructure of Brazil

Respectfully submitted, Emily Graham

The Berkeley Carroll School

Area:

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A Resolution to Redirect Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

- 1 Whereas: China's policies do not embody the principles of liberty and freedom that the United
- 2 States' represents and holds dear.
- 3 Whereas: China has consistently undermined the United States within the U.N. Security Council
- 4 using their veto power
- 5 Whereas: India is an emerging democracy within Asia
- 6 Whereas: It behooves the United States to have a strong alliance with democratic powers in Asia.
- 7 Therefore be it resolved that: All American Foreign Direct Investment currently in the Chinese
- 8 economy be transferred to India.
- 9 Be it further resolved that: All laws in conflict with this resolution be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred DeRitis

Saint Joseph's Preparatory School

A Resolution to Promote US/Russian Relations

1 Whereas: The soft power of the United States is at an all time low, and;

2 Whereas: Russia is the worlds largest energy exporter, and;

3 Whereas: The US missile defense shield in Eastern Europe is serving to raise tensions between the

4 US and Russia, therefore;

5 Be it resolved by the Senate in Student Congress here assembled that the US halt the Eastern

6 European missile defense shield project.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wang

W. T. Woodson

Area: I

A Resolution to Increase Humanitarian Aid in the Congo

- 1 Whereas: A conflict in Congo has claimed the lives of many innocent Congolese people,
2 Whereas: The United States attempts to support regional efforts have proven futile, as the conflict
3 continues,
4 Whereas: As the United Nations tries to quell this crisis by way of diplomatic channels, there are
5 still many Congolese people dying,
6 Therefore, Be it Resolved: That the United States Congress creates a committee to determine the
7 amount of funds needed for a humanitarian intervention in Congo by supplying aid in the form of
8 both medical assistance and Infrastructure,
9 Be it Further Resolved: That the United States does not cease in its efforts to support regional
10 programs, but simply to supply aid specifically to the Congolese who suffer innocently.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cannataro

St. Joseph's Prep

Area: I

A Bill to Stop the Importation of Crude Oil from Venezuela

1 Section 1. All trade of crude oil from the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela will henceforth be
2 halted.

3 Section 2. Trade with Venezuela will resume once their support of harmful organizations has
4 ended.

5 Section 3. The United States Customs Agency will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

6 Section 4. This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fahad Mithavayani

Western High School

Area: I

A Resolution Concerning the Republic of Georgia

1 WHEREAS, Russian aggression towards the Republic of Georgia has increased instability in a
2 volatile part of the world; and

3 WHEREAS, aggression by one nation towards another is prohibited under international law and is
4 unacceptable conduct by a nation in the 21st Century; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States should support democratically elected governments around the
6 world; and

7 WHEREAS, this Congress condemns the unprovoked Russian aggression towards the Republic of
8 Georgia.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Princeton Student Congress, that the President
10 is authorized to base up to ten thousand personnel from the United States armed forces in the
11 Republic of Georgia for the purpose of protecting Georgia from acts of military aggression.

12 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Congress recognizes South Ossetia and Abkhazia
13 as integral parts of the Republic of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Johnson HS

Area: E

Resolution to Make College Tuition Tax Deductible

1 Whereas: College tuition costs have risen significantly in recent decades, leading students to take on
2 unprecedented and dangerous amounts of debt, and,
3 Whereas: Many American families can no longer afford a college education, and as a result many
4 high school graduates no longer consider a college degree as a feasible option, and,
5 Whereas: Lower standards of education fail to prepare Americans to be competitive in the
6 globalized marketplace;
7 Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Congress here assembled designate college tuition costs as a
8 federal tax deductible beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph E. Brenner

St. Joseph's Prep

Area: E

A Resolution Privatizing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

1 Whereas: Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are defined as government-sponsored enterprises which are
2 exempt from state and local taxes,

3 Whereas: Their total of \$5.3 trillion in debt matches up with a mere \$81 billion in core capital,

4 Whereas: Under the companies' current status, American taxpayers will effectively be providing the
5 relief to the holders of this Fannie/Freddie debt, many of whom are foreigners,

6 Whereas: Privatizing the companies would force them to downsize and make much needed reforms
7 as they would no longer hold special privileges such as tax exemptions,

8 artificially low interest rates, and taxpayer/federal bailouts,

9 Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Congress here assembled privatizes Fannie Mae and Freddie
10 Mac. This change in status will be put into effect immediately after the passing
11 of this resolution.

12 Be It Further Resolved: That the Congress here assembled sets up a committee to do further
13 research into companies and financial firms that are carrying similar amounts of debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Gress

St. Joseph's Prep

Area: E

A bill to grant tax credits to companies that invest in wind

1 Section 1: The United States government will grant a tax credit to companies that invest in the
2 creation of wind farms, or invest in the research and development of wind energy or wind
3 technologies

4 Section 2: The companies that do invest in the wind energy will be granted a tax credit of 8% of
5 what they invest that is to say that a company that invests one million dollars will receive a tax credit
6 of 80,000 dollars

7 Section 3: No government agency will allocate any funds to go directly to the wind technology
8 companies

9 Section 4: The internal revenue service under the department of treasury in accordance with the
10 department of energy will oversee the provisions of this bill.

11 Section 5: All laws and portions of laws in conflict with the provisions of this legislation shall hereby
12 declared null and void

Respectfully submitted, Brian Lynn

Western High school

Area: E

A Bill Concerning Foreclosures

1 Section 1. All eligible foreclosure proceedings started the enactment of this Bill are stayed for a
2 period of ninety days. No eligible foreclosure proceedings may commence for ninety days after the
3 enactment of this Bill.

4 Section 3. At the end of the ninety day period, eligible foreclosure proceedings may resume or
5 commence, but may be stayed by the judge for an additional ninety days, on good
6 cause shown by the mortgagor.

7 Section 4. During any stay granted under the authority of this law, the mortgagee and
8 mortgagor will undertake good faith negotiations over the mortgage.

9 Section 5. Any mortgagee who violates any provision of this Bill will be subject to a \$100,000
10 fine.

11 Section 6. Any officer or employee of a mortgagee who acts to prevent avoidance of
12 foreclosure shall individually be subject to a \$100,000 fine.

13 Section 7. This law and all stays granted under its authority shall expire on 31 December 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur L. Johnson HS

Area: E

A Bill Concerning a Federal Flat Tax

1 Article I: The Federal Income Tax system is replaced by a Federal Flat tax of 17% across all income
2 groups.

3 Article II: This tax is to be applied after a \$15,000 deduction.

4 Article III: This Legislation will go into effect for fiscal year 2010.

5 Article IV: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will have jurisdiction over the implementation of this
6 tax.

7 Article V: The IRS shall be downsized to the minimum level necessary to effectively enforce the
8 Federal Flat Tax and any other tax still under IRS jurisdiction by no later than the end of fiscal year
9 2010.

10 Article VI: All other laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Taubman

W. T. Woodson

Area: E

A Bill to Institute a National Flat Tax

1 Article 1: The United States will abolish the current graduated income tax and establish a national
2 flat tax with no loopholes or exemptions.

3 Article 2: A national flat tax on personal income shall be established at a rate of 16% and a national
4 flat tax on corporate income shall be established at a rate of 23%.

5 Article 3: The Internal Revenue Service shall be in charge of overseeing this tax code's
6 implementation.

7 Article 4: This bill shall take effect upon passage.

8 Article 5: Any existing laws in conflict with this bill are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Emilia Gambardella

Syosset High School

Area: D

A Resolution to Increase Border Security

- 1 Whereas: The United States has a responsibility to protect its citizens before those of other nations
- 2 and
- 3 Whereas: Our economy is currently in a recession and
- 4 Whereas: We should halt illegal immigration until our economy heals and
- 5 Whereas: Increased border patrols and fence building will provide jobs
- 6 Be it Resolved: This Student Congress will allocate more resources to fence building and manual
- 7 patrolling of the Mexican-American border

Respectfully submitted,

Gianni LaTange

The Berkeley Carroll School

Area: D

A Resolution Funding Vaccination against Cervical Cancer

1 Whereas more than one-third of American women are infected by the Human Papilloma Virus
2 (HPV) by age 24; and
3 Whereas medical studies have proven that a combination of a pap smear and 3 stage injections can
4 prevent the majority of cases of cervical cancer caused by HPV; and
5 Whereas the vaccine carries a cost (currently \$360) prohibitive to many of the young girls most at-
6 risk to contract HPV;
7 Therefore, be it resolved by the congress here assembled that the Federal Government will finance
8 the HPV vaccination for all young girls in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanmarie DelVecchio

Perkiomen Valley High School

Area: D

A Resolution to End Deployment of National Guard Troops

1 Whereas: The Army has become increasingly dependent on the National Guard to maintain troop
2 levels in Iraq.

3 Whereas: Many deployed members are forced to leave employment as police and firemen.

4 Whereas: Their deployment leaves their communities vulnerable and the replacement of these men
5 and women [and] strains police and fire departments.

6 Be It Resolved: This Congress will end the deployment of members of the National Guard who are
7 employed as police officers and firemen.

Respectfully submitted,

Diarra Edwards

The Berkeley Carroll School

Area: D

A Resolution to Allow Drilling in ANWR

1 Whereas: The United States has become increasingly dependent on Foreign Oil to sustain the
2 enormous demand for oil,
3 Whereas: The United States has a tremendous supply of domestic oil still left untapped in the
4 ANWR,
5 Whereas: Studies have shown that safety regulations have improved tremendously and that drilling
6 would have little effect on the Environment,
7 Whereas: Drilling could reduce the price of gasoline as well as the price of oil,
8 Therefore, Be It Resolved: That this Congress here assembled permits the drilling of oil in the Arctic
9 National Wildlife so that we can begin to take back control of economic
10 livelihood.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Westcott

St. Joseph's Prep

Area: D

A Resolution to Explore Alternatives to Yucca Mountain

- 1 Whereas nuclear energy production represents a tested stop-gap solution to America's energy
- 2 problems;
- 3 Whereas the United States' nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain remains unopened some 10
- 4 years after it was originally scheduled to open;
- 5 Whereas current estimates place an opening date for Yucca Mountain sometime in 2020;
- 6 Whereas viable options for the storage of nuclear waste at sites other than Yucca Mountain do not
- 7 currently exist;
- 8 Whereas other nations have developed alternates to geological entombment for their nuclear waste;
- 9 Therefore, be it resolved by the congress here assembled that the Federal Government will begin
- 10 funding research into alternatives to Yucca Mountain

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Chen

Perkiomen Valley High School

Area: D

A Bill to lower the drinking age

- 1 The Minimum age for the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the US shall be 18 years.
- 2 Those states who do not comply with the new minimum will have their transportation budget
- 3 reduced by 10% in the next and subsequent financial cycle.
- 4 This law will take effect immediately upon passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Cammarata

Chaminade High School

Area: D

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A Bill to Lower the Voting Age to 16

- 1 Many young adults do not vote and the turnout is dismal,
- 2 Voting is a habit that needs to start early to be prevalent,
- 3 18 is a stressful and busy time for young adults,
- 4 At 18, teenagers are a contributing part of society, able to work, pay taxes, and drive,
- 5 Adolescents under 18 provide opinions for the young, an important part of American society,
- 6 Therefore be it resolved:
- 7 That the legal voting age within the United States shall be lowered to 16.

Respectfully submitted, Yueyi Zhou

Lower Merion High School

Area: D

A Bill to Rebuild America

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

2 SECTION 1. The United States Federal Government shall create cabinet-level department (to be
3 known as the “Department of Infrastructure”) responsible for rebuilding American Infrastructure.

4 This department must be budgeted at least \$225 billion over the next 50 years. The department will
5 be able to allocate this money as they see fit.

6 SECTION 2. Infrastructure shall be defined as any portion of the system of public works.

7 SECTION 3. The Department of Infrastructure shall be responsible for both hiring personnel for
8 the express purpose of building and rebuilding American infrastructure and allocating the remainder
9 of these funds to the states for their infrastructure projects.

10 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fahad Mithavayani

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