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Docket A: International Resolution 8808

Be it resolved,

A resolution to for diplomatic United States and Syria

- 1 Whereas: The United States and Syria have differing political ideologies,
- 2 Whereas: : These differing ideologies has caused tension between the countries
- 3 Whereas: Syria under Al- Assad has helped fund Al Qaeda.
- 4 Whereas: The Syrian violence is becoming detrimental to Syria society.
- 5 Whereas: President Obama has started using diplomacy with Syria
- 6 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States continues to diplomatically approach Syria and allow for humanitarian aid to assist the rebel forces in Syria.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Claire Cuddihy

West Springfield

on 3/1/2012 2:48:32 PM

Docket A: Virginia Bill 706

Be it enacted,

01 Article I: The VA state government lifts the ban on uranium mining in

02 Virginia, and allows mining in areas that are safe to mine in.

03 Article II: Safe Areas for Uranium mining shall be defined as areas that

04 mining will not cause great harm on the environment and people.

05 Article III: This new law shall be implemented as of July 1, 2012.

06 Article IV: The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and

07 Energy will oversee the instatement of this law.

08 Article V: All laws in conflict with this new law shall hereby be declared

09 null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Zelgai Saleh

Lake Braddock Secondary School

on 3/4/2012 8:34:04 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 12

Be it resolved,

01 Whereas: The Strait of Hormuz is currently one of the most important

02 routes for overseas oil trade. And,

03 Whereas: It has been suggested that Iran may blockade the Strait of

04 Hormuz. And,

05 Whereas: If the U.S. were to interfere in the matter, Iran may respond

06 Hostily.

07 Therefore: Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled

08 that: The U.S. do not interfere with the accessibility of Strait of Hormuz

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Fahim Syed

Lake Braddock Secondary School

on 3/4/2012 8:38:45 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 703

Be it resolved,

01 Whereas: Government Involvement in the internet is a

02 threat to commerce, internet freedom and the privacy of the

03 public;

04 Whereas: The responsibility to stop internet piracy lies with

05 the copyright holders, not the federal government

06 Whereas: Even with Government Involvement, piracy will still occur

07 and the power of the government can be abused.

08 Therefore: Be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that:

09 the Federal Government refrain from getting involved in preventing

10 online piracy

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Paul Cordova

Lake Braddock Secondary School

on 3/4/2012 8:50:24 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 7000

Be it resolved,

01 Whereas: The number of households is increasing in which English is

02 not the primary language;

03 Whereas: Knowledge of another language increases knowledge of

04 other cultures aiding foreign policy development;

05 Therefore: Be it resolved by the Student Congress assembled

06 here that any person holding public office must be proficient

07 in two languages

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Saad Amin

Lake Braddock Secondary School

on 3/4/2012 8:54:23 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 8882

Be it resolved,

Line 01: A Resolution to Militarily Intervene in Syria

Line 02: Whereas: The bloody crackdowns by the Syrian government on civilian

Line 03: protestors has been ongoing; and

Line 04: Whereas: The Syrian government has consistently denied outside requests to

Line 05: deliver medical aid and nutrition to the suffering civilians; and

Line 06: Whereas: Ignoring the current conflict in Syria will only result in increased

Line 07: civilian casualties as well as continued violations of basic human rights; and

Line 08: Whereas: Military intervention will be the only full proof method of crushing

Line 09: Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's brutal regime.

Line 10: Therefore, Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the

Line 11: United States militarily intervene in Syria.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative John Al-Haddad

West Springfield High School

on 3/8/2012 2:45:35 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 9351

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Language Requirements for Public Office

Line01: WHEREAS English is spoken by the majority of Americans; and

Line02:

Line03: WHEREAS all laws and legal documents of the United States are

Line04: written in English; and

Line05:

Line06: WHEREAS public office holders need to have a standard way to

Line07: communicate with the public; and

Line08:

Line09: WHEREAS current laws regarding language requirements for

Line10: office are vague and lead to numerous different standards and

Line11: interpretations of language requirement.

Line12:

Line13: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here

Line14: assembled that – the United States standardize and reform laws

Line15: regarding language requirements for public office.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Pritika Tiwari

Westfield High School

on 3/8/2012 3:56:52 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 9361

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Defending the Strait of Hormuz

Line01: WHEREAS the United States has just ended its prolonged war

Line02: with Iraq; and

Line03:

Line04: WHEREAS the US economy is currently recovering from the

Line05: devastating impact of a prolonged war; and

Line06:

Line07: WHEREAS the United States should address its Domestic issue

Line08: in pursuit of the welfare of our nation;

Line09:

Line10: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here

Line11: assembled that – the United States refrains from any course of

Line12: action in the conflict over the Strait of Hormuz.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Byron Harvey

Westfield High School

on 3/8/2012 4:04:53 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 9371

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Intervention in Syria

Line01: WHEREAS US Intervention in Syria will cost the United States a

Line02: great amount of money; and

Line03:

Line04: WHEREAS the United States will face a weakened relationship

Line05: with Syria by intervening; and

Line06:

Line07: WHEREAS intervention in Syria will only lead to more loss of life;

Line08:

Line09: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here

Line10: assembled that- the United States does not intervene in Syria.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Omid Khaksarfard

Westfield High School

on 3/8/2012 4:12:44 PM

Docket A: Economic Resolution 9381

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Student Loans

Line01: WHEREAS unemployment rates in the country have skyrocketed;

Line02: and

Line03:

Line04: WHEREAS delinquency rates on student loans are rising; and

Line05:

Line06: WHEREAS people who do not complete secondary schools face

Line07: higher unemployment rates; and

Line08:

Line09: WHEREAS current student loan repayment systems are repaid on

Line10: a fixed schedule.

Line11:

Line12: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress here

Line13: assembled that- the United States reform current systems for

Line14: repaying student loans.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Jessica Starkey

Westfield High School

on 3/8/2012 4:19:03 PM

Docket A: Economic Resolution 9391

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Veterans' Unemployment

Line01: WHEREAS veterans' unemployment has long been a problem in

Line02: the United States; and

Line03:

Line03: WHEREAS the veteran's unemployment is currently higher than

Line04: the civilian unemployment rate; and

Line05:

Line06: WHEREAS after returning from serving our nation, many veterans

Line07: are unable to find a job and pay for their daily necessities; and

Line08:

Line09: WHEREAS reforming our own policies regarding veteran

Line10: unemployment can significantly reduce the veteran unemployment

Line11: rate.

Line12:

Line13: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here

Line14: assembled that – the United States reform its policies regarding

Line15: veterans' unemployment.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Shrey Kapadia

Westfield High School

on 3/8/2012 4:26:28 PM

Docket A: Virginia Resolution 9401

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Campus Gun Control

Line01: WHEREAS despite increased security and a campus wide alert

Line02: system, a shooting once again occurred at the campus of Virginia

Line03: Tech; and

Line04:

Line05: WHEREAS communication methods have enormously improved

Line06: and fewer people were killed this time; and

Line07:

Line08: WHEREAS campus rules already prohibit firearm possession on

Line09: campus;

Line10:

Line11: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here

Line12: assembled that– Virginia should not change its current policy

Line13: regarding campus gun control.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Sahaja Yerramsetti

Westfield High School

on 3/8/2012 4:35:40 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 5462

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Redefine US Policy towards the Straits of Hormuz

Line 01:WHEREAS: The United States faces declining diplomatic influence,

Line 02:an overall weakening of its soft power, and the over extension of its

Line 03:military capability; and

Line 04:WHEREAS: The US bears the full military and financial costs of

Line 05:defending the straits of Hormuz and securing access to the Persian

Line 06:Gulf, despite the benefits of such security being enjoyed by all the

Line 07:Gulf states and the global community of industrialized and developing

Line 08:nations;and

Line 09:WHEREAS: This excuses the Gulf states from defending their own

Line 10:interests, European allies from sharing the burden of energy security,

Line 11:and all other nations from contributing to the security of the region;

Line 12:now, therefore, be it

Line 13:RESOLVED: By this congress that the United States should actively

Line 14:seek the transfer of its military base in Bahrain to NATO control, and

Line 15:seek the long term reduction of US military presence in the region,

Line 16:and let it be

Line 17:FURTHER RESOLVED: That the United States should seek to

Line 18:bolster the military independence of Gulf State Allies through

Line 20:increased arms sales, transfers, and training cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Henry Knight

West Potomac

on 3/8/2012 8:34:16 PM

Docket A: Economic Resolution 1228

Be it resolved,

A Resolution to Initiate a Decline in Student Loans and Relief

Line 01: WHEREAS, Student Debt has increased steadily over the last few years; and

Line 02: WHEREAS, the United States is witnessing one of its worst job environments for college graduates; and

Line 03: WHEREAS, parent loans put a strain on retirement funds and the housing market; and

Line 04: WHEREAS, Student Loans remain with a person for life; and

Line 05: WHEREAS, Student loans drive up tuition rates for for-profit universities; and

Line 06: WHEREAS, the money given through student loans is lost and rarely recovered, furthering the country's economic turmoil; now, therefore, be it

Line 07: RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that the United States should not provide relief for student loans and should also reduce the amount of federal loans given to students.

Line 08: Introduced by Alex Fowler at JMHS

Respectfully Submitted By:
Senator Alexander Fowler
James Madison High School
on 3/8/2012 11:39:32 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 2864

Be it resolved,

A Resolution Amending the Constitution to

Allow Non-Proficient English Speakers to Run for Public Office

1. WHEREAS, the candidate is able to speak the language of the majority of the people they represent
2. WHEREAS, all other qualifications are met by the candidate
3. RESOLVED, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Student Congress here assembled, the following Constitutional amendment be sent to the state legislatures for approval:
4. SECTION 1: if the voting population nominates and the candidate is indicted, they should be allowed to run regardless of their English speaking proficiency
5. SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
6. Introduced by Chris Benoit of Chantilly High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Chris Benoit

Chantilly High School

on 3/9/2012 4:11:05 PM

Docket A: Domestic Resolution 8808

Be it resolved,

Line 01: Whereas: The population of United States citizens who do not speak;

Line 02: Whereas: English as their first language.

Line 03: Whereas: They are learning English as a second language,

Line 04: Whereas: it is not as strong as their first language.

Line 05: Whereas The United states should prejudice against people for speaking another language

Line 06: Therefore be it resolved by this student congress here assembled that the United states federal government hire government officials who can speak another language of a minority.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Claire Cuddihy

West Springfield High school

on 3/9/2012 4:14:53 PM

Docket A: Economic Resolution 700

Be it resolved,

01 Whereas: Veterans of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq suffer

02 from high unemployment rates; and

03 Whereas: Tax benefits for hiring veterans are ineffective and have not

04 alleviated the problem; and

05 Whereas: The federal government is better able to help veterans by

06 investing in educational and retraining programs.

07 Therefore: be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled

08 that; The United States eliminate tax incentives for hiring veterans

09 and replace them with educational and retraining opportunities that

10 better equip veterans to adjust to civilian life.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Josh Wartel

Lake Braddock Secondary School

on 3/9/2012 5:22:07 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 700

Please select one,

01 Whereas: Billions of barrels of oil travel through the Straight of Hormuz every day

02 Whereas: This oil is what fuels our factories in America, and that provide

03 crucial energy for our country and the world.

04 Whereas: With Iran threatening to block the Straight of Hormuz, it is

05 necessary that the United States acts to prevent this action in order to

06 protect the security of our nation.

07 Therefore: Be it resolved by thus Student Congress here assembled that,

08 the United States government increase it's military presence near and

09 around the Straight of Hormuz, and if any attempt were to be made to

10 block said straight, military actions would take place.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Jonah Scharf

Lake Braddock Secondary School

on 3/9/2012 5:27:41 PM

Docket A: International Resolution 5748

Be it resolved,

1 Title: A Resolution to give the president authority to use military force to

2 prevent further conflict in the Strait of Hormuz

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5 Whereas: Iran is threatening to close the Strait of Hormuz in order to

6 obliterate current sanctions imposed by the US and its allies

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8 Whereas: But the United States does not want to appease Iran as the

9 production of nuclear weapons could be catastrophic

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11 Whereas: The US currently only has the 5th Fleet, several naval assets in

12 the Gulf along with mine counter-measures capability, and is an integrated

13 part of the allied naval task force in the Gulf

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15 Whereas: Iran can still easily block off half of the Strait which is

16 detrimental to the world economy and even poses the threat of having the

17 capability to closing the Strait of Hormuz completely

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT: The United States use military force against Iran to prevent Iran from closing the Strait of Hormuz, and have military force mobilized in the effort that the Strait gets closed.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Meron Gosaye

Mount Vernon High School

on 3/9/2012 9:18:27 PM

Super Session: International Resolution 8881

Be it resolved,

Line 01: A Resolution to Reform Nation-Building In Afghanistan

Line 02: Whereas: Current nation-building efforts in Afghanistan are simply ineffective;

Line 03: and

Line 04: Whereas: The majority of Afghanistan's gross domestic product is based on

Line 05: spending on foreign troops and aid; and

Line 06: Whereas: Afghanistan could suffer a major economic depression once

Line 07: American troops leave the country; and

Line 08: Whereas: The United States government must improve its oversight of the

Line 09: Afghani government and economic stabilization efforts within.

Line 10: Therefore, Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: the

Line 11: United States reform its approach to nation-building in Afghanistan.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative John Al-Haddad

West Springfield

on 3/1/2012 3:02:41 PM

Super Session: Domestic Resolution 9421

Be it resolved,

Leg_Title: Funding for Planned Parenthood

Line01 WHEREAS Planned Parenthood receives funding from the Federal

Line02 and State governments along with private funding; and

Line03

Line04 WHEREAS many states around the country already fund all or

Line05 most measures regarding abortions; and

Line06

Line07 WHEREAS an increase in tax payer dollars for funding abortions is

Line08 an unnecessary action.

Line09

Line10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Student Congress here

Line11 assembled that – the United States does not increase funding for

Line12 Planned Parenthood.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Please select one Westfield Congress

Westfield High School

on 3/9/2012 8:05:51 AM