

A Resolution Concerning Common Law Marriages

- 1 Whereas: Current United States law states that a heterosexual couple living
2 together for 10 years or more is declared a common law marriage and
3 benefits are given as such.
- 4 Whereas: Homosexual couples do not receive the same benefits.
- 5 Whereas: Criticism of gay marriage has typically included a lack of commitment
6 of the two individuals
- 7 Whereas Common law marriage allows simple co-habitation which does not
8 require commitment from either party.
- 9 Therefore Be It Resolved By This Student Congress Here Assembled:
10. That states be encouraged to disallow common law marriages that
11. are only granted to heterosexual couples.

Respectfully Submitted

A Resolution Concerning FDA regulation of tobacco companies

1. Whereas, tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death in the United
2. States, and
3. Whereas, the Food and Drug Administration regulates every other drug on the
4. market, and
5. Whereas, tobacco products are only regulated by the companies that are trying to
6. sell them, therefore
7. BE IT RESOLVED by this congress that the Food and Drug Administration be given the
power to regulate all tobacco products and tobacco companies.
8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this power will include but not be limited to,
9. the ability to put larger health warnings on tobacco products, the requirement of
10. tobacco companies to truthfully state ingredients in their products, and the ability
11. to restrict advertisements that are geared toward youth.

Respectively Submitted,

A Resolution Concerning the Military

1. Whereas: Our current involvement in the Middle East has resulted in two military
2. actions; and
3. Whereas: the for mentioned military actions have cost our country trillions of
4. dollars, thousands of American lives as well as a deteriorating image on
5. the global scale; and
6. Whereas: the current military involvement has overstretched our branches of
7. military and forced us to leave potentially dangerous situations in our
8. world unchecked.
9. Therefore be it resolved: that we immediately withdraw all military forces from
10. Iraq and Afghanistan,
11. Be it further resolved: that the United States Congress completely restructure and
12. redeploy our military, in a more practical and more cost effective
13. manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

A Resolution to Encourage the Research and Production of Alternative Fuels

1 Whereas: the depletion of the world's oil supply is becoming a more pressing problem

2 with each successive year, and

3 Whereas: the burning of fossil fuels and present forms of fuel are drastically harmful to

4 the environment, and

5 Whereas: the burning of alternative fuels sources such as biodiesel and ethanol can be

6 drastically less harmful to the environment than regular gasoline, and

7 Whereas: further research is required to make alternative fuel possibilities into

8 economic realities, and

9 Whereas: with sufficient research, these alternative fuels can be made as

10 environmentally friendly and economically beneficial as possible, and

11 Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that: Tax incentives

12 will be given to companies and individuals who donate significant funds to

13 alternative fuel source research. Additionally, increased tax incentives will be

14 rewarded to individuals and corporations who use these alternative fuels, and

15 Be it further resolved that: the United States Department of Energy and the United

16 States Department of Transportation create a federal program to promote the

17 use of alternative fuels by disseminating information about the tax incentives

18 and benefits of alternative fuels to the public through the use of popular

19 media.

Respectfully Submitted,

A Bill to Establish a Fair Practice Policy for Credit Card Companies

Be it enacted by this Student Congress here assembled that:

1. Article I: The United States Federal Reserve Commission shall regulate all credit
2. card companies. The average credit card debt for a U.S. household is now
3. \$8,400. Targeting high school and college students, and compounding
4. interest on top of interest, are two major reasons as to why so many
5. people are in credit card debt.
6. Article II: Credit card companies are using the guise of “fundraising” activities to get
7. students on college campuses to recruit other students to fill out
8. applications. The fact these students are being pressured by their peers
9. along with the fact that the card companies are offering prizes, such as
10. shirts, is increasing the number of applications. Additionally, the average
11. American household is solicited for credit cards seven times a year. Weak
12. money management skills along with poor knowledge of company rules
13. have made it hard for many to get out of credit card debt.
14. Article III: Credit card companies will be banned from soliciting students on college
15. campuses. In addition, credit card companies will be banned from using
16. direct mail advertising to solicit households. Credit card companies will
17. also be held to a maximum interest rate threshold of 17% and will only be
18. allowed to compound interest on the principal balance on the account.
19. Article IV: This bill shall take effect immediately.
20. Article V: All other laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Lower the Drinking Age

1. Article I: Upon passage of this bill, the alcohol purchase age in the District of
2. Columbia and all federally-administered territories shall be adjusted to 18.
3. Article II: Beginning on December 31, 2008, the United States shall withhold 20%
4. of the transportation budget of any state which has an alcohol purchase age
5. higher than 18.
6. Article III: Beginning on January 1, 2009, the United States shall withhold 100%
7. of the transportation budget of any state which has an alcohol purchase age
8. higher than 18.
9. Article IV: All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall become null
10. and void upon passage of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

A Resolution to Encourage Ethanol Infrastructure

- 1 WHEREAS, ethanol fuel is becoming economical for automobile use, and
- 2 WHEREAS, infrastructural costs play a large factor in discouraging fueling
- 3 stations from making ethanol available, and
- 4 WHEREAS, the environment would benefit greatly from an increase in ethanol
- 5 use, therefore
- 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that a system of tax
- 7 incentives be implemented to encourage fueling stations to install the
- 8 infrastructure necessary to provide ethanol fuel.

Respectfully Submitted,

A Resolution to Improve Adolescent Literacy Skills

1 Whereas: Over 8 million students in grades 4-12 read below grade level, and 3,000
2 students with limited literacy skills drop out of high school every school
3 day, and
4 Whereas: the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 triggered highly publicized
5 reports on low levels of reading achievement in America's
6 elementary schools, middle and high school students face different but no less
7 important literacy challenges, and
8 Whereas: Traditionally, educators have focused on the development of literacy in the
9 early grades, assuming that older students did not need special instruction, and
10 Whereas: recently, however, it has become clear that many middle and high school
11 students are increasingly under-literate, lacking the complex literacy skills
12 they will need to be successful in an information-driven economy; and
13 Whereas: professional development is the most effective way to impact teaching
14 strategies and meeting this challenge will require concerted and collaborative
15 efforts by educators and policy makers alike;
16 Therefore: be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the United States
17 provide funding to public schools for training secondary teachers to be
18 literacy coaches.

Respectfully Submitted,

A Resolution to Enforce Jessica's Law

- 1 Whereas: The current policies allows parole for sex offenders; and
- 2 Whereas: The current policies allow sex offenders to reduce prison time through
- 3 good-time work-time credits; and
- 4 Whereas: Sex offenders must commit two offenses before being classified as
- 5 dangerous and harmful to the public; and
- 6 Whereas: Sex offenders are currently allowed to wear GPS tracking devices
- 7 to parole.
- 8 Therefore: be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that Jessica's law
- 9 be uniformly enforced.

Respectfully submitted

A Resolution Urging President Bush to Encourage Turkey's Accession to the European Union

- 1 Whereas: it is in the best interest of the United States to encourage an inclusive European
2 Union, and
- 3 Whereas: the nation of Turkey has aspired for membership in multinational European
4 organizations since 1959, and
- 5 Whereas: Turkey has fulfilled the Copenhagen Criteria that classify whether a nation is
6 qualified to join the European Union, and
- 7 Whereas: Turkey has made numerous progressive and democratic reforms in hope of
8 European Union accession, and
- 9 Whereas: the repercussions of the hostile reactions to the caricatures of the Prophet
10 Muhammad may have disrupted European sentiment towards Turkish accession, and
- 11 Whereas: Turkey serves as a strategic military base for the United States in the Middle East.
12 Therefore: be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that President Bush is
13 urged to encourage Turkey's accession to the European Union.

Respectfully Submitted,