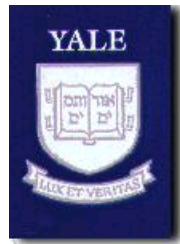


# Yale Invitational Congress



2006 Legislation

## **A Resolution To Lift The Trade Embargo On Cuba**

1       Whereas we currently have strict economic sanctions against Cuba including a  
2       mandatory trade embargo on all incoming goods from the United States.

3       Whereas Cuba imports more than \$367 million dollars from the United States  
4       each year.

5       Whereas the current trade embargo policy hurts both innocent Cuban and  
6       American business owners while Castro's communist regime profits on  
7       the increased cost of goods and uses the American trade embargo as a  
8       scapegoat for Cuba's poor economy.

9       Be it resolved by this student congress that this bill 22 U.S.C 2370 section  
10      620a, regarding the trade embargo on Cuba, be repealed.

Respectfully Submitted,

E.L. Meyers High School

Erik Carlson

## A Bill to Mandate Child Safety Locks on Firearms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All guns sold within the United States shall be equipped with a
2. child safety lock.
3. **SECTION 2.** A child safety lock shall be defined as any cable, trigger, or
4. personalized lock who meets the set standard. This standard shall be the same as
5. that of the California Department of Justice safety standards.
6. **SECTION 3.** The Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Bureau shall
7. oversee the enforcement of this bill.
8. **A.** Any gun manufacturer or retailer who is found to be producing or selling
9. firearms lacking the aforementioned child safety locks shall be issued a warning.
10. The business shall be reevaluated six weeks subsequent to when the warning is
11. issued. If still they refuse to comply, their license to sell firearms shall be revoked.
12. **B.** All firearms presently on the market that are without a child safety lock shall
13. be recalled. A tax of 10% shall be applied to the purchase price of guns sold to
14. fund this recall.
15. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.
16. **SECTION 5.** Any laws that are in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be
17. declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Sacred Heart High School*

## **A Resolution Authorizing Pre-emptive Strike against North Korea**

1     *Whereas*, it has been a long-term goal of the United States to halt unregulated  
2     nuclear proliferation, and  
3     *Whereas*, the nation of North Korea has withdrawn from the Nuclear Non-  
4     Proliferation Treaty as of 2003, and  
5     *Whereas*, North Korea has pursued its nuclear weapons program over the  
6     objections of the United States, European Union, South Korea, and Japan, and  
7     *Whereas*, the six-party negotiations have been characterized by uncooperative  
8     and manipulative behavior on the part of North Korea, and  
9     *Whereas*, the U.N. Security Council has condemned and imposed weapons-  
10    related sanctions on North Korea for its testing of at least seven missiles,  
11    including the Taepodong-2, and  
12    *Whereas*, North Korea is in a position to threaten strategic Asian allies such as  
13    Japan and South Korea and potentially the security of the United States;  
14    therefore  
15    *BE IT RESOLVED* by this Student Congress here assembled that pre-emptive  
16    military strikes against North Korea be authorized.

Respectfully Submitted for Congressional Debate,

Shrewsbury High School

## **A Resolution for Equity in Banking**

1     *Whereas*, Cash withdrawal fees are common practice of many American  
2     depository institutions, and  
3     *Whereas*, These fees prove an unfair burden upon smaller banks and less  
4     affluent Americans, and  
5     *Whereas*, These fees are neither necessary nor advantageous to the creation of  
6     an equitable and progressive economic landscape, therefore  
7     *Be it resolved*, That the Federal Reserve pursue measures to prohibit American  
8     depository institutions from charging their clients cash withdrawal fees.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Berkeley Carroll School

### **A Resolution to Affirm Calderon's Victory**

1. **Whereas** Mexico's top electoral court has certified Felipe Calderon as the winner
2. in the recent Mexican presidential election
3. **Whereas** his opponent, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, is refusing to admit
4. defeat and has organized protests in the street which are highly disruptive to the
5. country's normal functioning
6. **Whereas** a partial recount of votes has been done and found that there was no
7. fraud and Calderon is in fact the winner
8. **Whereas** Lopez Obrador has spoken of forming a parallel government if he is not
9. declared the winner of the election
10. **Whereas** such a parallel government could throw Mexico into a state of chaos
11. **BE IT RESOLVED** by this Student Congress here assembled that the United
12. States affirm its support of Felipe Calderon as Mexico's new president

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Farlow  
Needham High School

## **A Resolution to Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act**

1. WHEREAS: The USA PATRIOT Act is a bill that raises serious constitutional
2. concerns, and was passed without sufficient Congressional deliberation;
3. WHEREAS: The Patriot Act disturbs the checks and balances provided by the
4. doctrine of the separation of powers, which is a protection against the potential
5. abuse of individual freedoms;
6. WHEREAS: Laws that compromise civil liberties must be reexamined
7. WHEREAS: The Patriot Act infringes upon rights afforded to individuals by the
8. United States Constitution.
9. BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that the
10. enumerations of the Patriot Act that infringe upon civil liberties and rights
11. afforded by the constitution be repealed.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Albuquerque Academy*

## **A Resolution to Suspend Ties with Pakistan**

- 1     **Whereas:** Pakistan funds terrorist institutions like Al-Qaeda.
- 2     **Whereas:** terrorism has been prevalent in Pakistan since the Bangladesh  
3                   Liberation War of the 1980s.
- 4     **Whereas:** Pakistan has allegedly attacked India and killed many innocent  
5                   people.
- 6     **Whereas:** the United States has taken a firm stand against terrorism and  
7                   for providing justice to victim countries.
- 8     **Therefore:** be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that the  
9     United States suspend its diplomatic relationship with Pakistan until Pakistan  
10    agrees to adopt transparent policies to account for terrorist activities  
11    originating within that nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Sahiba Chopra

Walt Whitman High School

## **A Resolution to Legalize Cannabis in the United States of America**

1. Whereas: Cannabis is less harmful and less addictive to the human body than
2. consuming alcohol and smoking cigarettes.
3. Whereas: Cannabis's principle ingredient is the non-narcotic chemical THC,
4. which has medical uses and is in many cases therapeutic.
5. Whereas: Cannabis has directly caused the death of zero people by overdose,
6. annually, since accurate statistics have been recorded.
7. Whereas: The "marijuana as a gateway drug" arguments against cannabis are
8. biased and completely hypothetical.
9. Whereas: Most negative statistics formulated against cannabis were founded as a
10. method of scaring people, rather than founded on facts.
11. Therefore, be it resolved by this student congress, that the usage of cannabis in the
12. United States of America be legalized.

Respectfully submitted,

Chaminade High School

## **A Resolution to Make FEMA Its Own Department**

- 1     Whereas: FEMA is presently under the department of Homeland Security.
- 2     Whereas: The problems associated with disaster relief consistently stem from
- 3     issues such as response time, efficiency and training.
- 4     Whereas: The American public will benefit from resolving these issues.
- 5     Whereas: FEMA will be able to streamline many procedures and resolve the
- 6     issues mentioned above by being its own federal department.
- 7     Therefore be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled: The
- 8     Federal Emergency Management Agency be transformed into its own Federal
- 9     department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathlyn Cadwell  
Southern Lehigh High School

**A Bill to Deny Federal Contracts to Businesses which Employ Illegal Immigrants**

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

2 **Section 1.** Any business entity, affiliate, or any subsidiary agent of any entity that  
3 employs, retains, aids or abets illegal aliens or illegal immigration into the United  
4 States, whether directly or through any agent, shall be denied and barred from any  
5 federal contract or grant as follows:

6 A. For the first violation for a period of five years.

7 B. For any subsequent violation, for a period of ten years.

8 **Section 2.** Each federal department and administrative agency shall maintain and  
9 update debarment lists to include such violators.

10 **Section 3.** This legislation shall take effect 30 days after passage.

11 **Section 4.** All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby  
12 be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ridge High School

## **A Bill to Withdraw from Iraq**

- 1 Section I: The following shall be defined as such:
- 2 - “War in Iraq” shall be defined as the United States of America’s
- 3 occupation of the nation of Iraq, beginning with the invasion on
- 4 March 20, 2003,
- 5 - “US military” shall be defined as all members of the United States
- 6 Armed Forces.
- 7 Section II: The priority of all US military personnel in Iraq shall immediately
- 8 shift toward increased training of the New Iraqi Army, to the extent
- 9 that the New Iraqi Army shall be prepared to maintain stability after
- 10 the War in Iraq.
- 11 Section III: All US military groups will begin removal of troops from the nation
- 12 of Iraq, at a rate of ten (10) percent per month, for eight (8) months.
- 13 Section IV: The remaining twenty (20) percent of the US military shall be used as
- 14 peacekeeping troops within Iraq for a period of two (2) years.
- 15 Section V: The effects of this legislation shall take place January 1, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Holy Ghost Prep*

## **A Bill to End Tyranny in Myanmar**

1. Whereas: Myanmar's government openly denounces democratic principles
2. Whereas: Myanmar's government is guilty of innumerable human rights abuses
3. Whereas: Myanmar's government is in ruins, and the government is doing nothing
4. to help
5. Whereas: Myanmar needs a new government if its people are ever to live in peace,
6. prosperity, and happiness
7. Whereas: Unilateral military action has been an unsuccessful tactic for the United
8. States
9. Therefore be it Resolved: The government of the United States shall urge the
10. United Nations Security Council to remove the current government of Myanmar.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Scarsdale High School*

## A Resolution to Stabilize Homeowner's Insurance Rates

1. **WHEREAS**, Home insurance rates in ocean-bordered areas along the East Coast
2. are skyrocketing); and
3. **WHEREAS**, Due to the unusually disastrous hurricanes of the past few years,
4. the insurance companies are accruing too much debt and thus have to increase
5. prices; and
6. **WHEREAS**, As prices continue to become unreasonable, homeowners in
7. regions like Florida have become to move because they are unable to afford to pay
8. to insure their homes; and
9. **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled create a commission
10. with the sole purpose of creating a framework for subsidizing insurance agencies
11. in order to allow them to stabilize their rates in order to eventually return to pre-
12. 2005 Hurricane Katrina levels.

*Respectfully submitted by*

*Monsignor Farrell High School*

## A Bill to Improve Sino-American Relations

1     **Article I:** The United States shall terminate all arms sales to Taiwan in  
2     revitalizing our commitment to the Shanghai Communiqué of 1972 with the  
3     People’s Republic of China.

4     **Article II:** The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 is hereby repealed in  
5     concordance with Article I of this bill.

6         A. The United States must withdraw all forms of direct diplomatic contact  
7     with Taiwanese leaders and treat them as a political faction rather than a  
8     government.

9         B. Any further contact deemed necessary by this Congress or the enforcers  
10    of this bill shall be regulated through the embassy of the People’s Republic of  
11    China.

12    **Article III:** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

13    **Article IV:** The Department of State and the Department of Defense shall be  
14    jointly responsible for the execution of this bill.

15    **Article V:** All laws or portions of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby  
16    declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Saint Joseph’s Preparatory School*

## **Bill to Increase Funding for a Less Harmful Alternative to PVC**

1. Whereas, PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) is currently the most profitable form of
2. plastic in the chemical industry.
3. Whereas, many vinyl products, containing PVC, have been known to emit toxic
4. chemicals such as mercury, dioxins, and phthalates that are dangerous to human
5. beings, especially children.
6. Whereas, PVC has been known to emit these toxins under circumstances of high
7. pressure and temperature. However, there are certain speculations that these
8. toxins can be transmitted without the previously stated circumstances, specifically
9. with regard to soft children's toys.
10. Whereas, currently little research is being done to find a safer, equally cost-
11. effective alternative to PVC, more funding should be appropriated to this cause.
12. Therefore, 1% of the federal research and development budget, with additional
13. money as needed, will be allotted.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Syosset High School*

## **A RESOLUTION TO CEASE MILITARY MATERIAL EXPORTS TO ISRAEL**

1. **WHEREAS**, Israel has subjected southern Lebanon to military occupation
2. because of the actions of a select few; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Israel has used many weapons made by the United States to fuel
4. its violent and unjustified cause against the country of Lebanon; and
5. **WHEREAS**, this conflict has caused instability in the Middle East,
6. endangered the population of the entirety of this area, including Israel itself,
7. caused significant disruption to the world community, and had raised the
8. threat of terrorist activity abroad.
9. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here assembled,
10. that the United States should cease exporting materials capable of military use to
11. Israel unless all Israeli military units leave Lebanon; and
12. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, military exports to Israel should cease for
13. six months in which Israel shall make an attempt in good faith to provide
14. humanitarian aid to innocent Lebanese burdened by the Israeli incursion.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Randolph High School**  
*Randolph, NJ*