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A Resolution to Deploy Troops to Afghanistan

1 **WHEREAS,** There is a major problem in Afghanistan. Our soldiers spilled their blood
2 and civilians are dying; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Thirteen service members died recently and more than 18 were injured.
4 About 200 civilians have died because of the deadly suicide bombing by
5 ISIS; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The United States still needs to have a presence in the region because
7 civil unrest has taken over the country; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Women and children are in need of help in Afghanistan due to the
9 Taliban's extremist actions; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here make the following recommendation to
11 deploy troops to Afghanistan to help with the civil unrest.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sandra Day O'Connor High School.



A Resolution to Protect the Freedom of Speech in the Workplace

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Residents of the United States are entitled to the Freedom of Speech as
2 per the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Residents of the United States deserve to have that right protected by
4 the federal government; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Residents of the United States are fired or put on leave for exercising that
6 right to freedom of speech; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** This consequence is the diametrical act of a free democracy that allows
8 the opinions of its residents to be voiced; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Statements made by residents are representative of their own opinions
10 and not those of who they are employed by; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that the federal government would
12 pass a law banning the firing or removal of workers based on comments
13 made on any platform outside of the workplace, be it digital, physical or
14 otherwise.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Boerne Champion High School.



A Resolution to Ban Commercial Fishing to Restore Sustainable Fisheries

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The oceans are being used to modify age and size structure, sex ratio,
2 genetics and species composition of the target resources, as well as of
3 their associated and dependent species; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Billions of people rely on marine wildlife as a food source, we need to
5 change the course of the practices we are currently on; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Poorly controlled fisheries develop excessive fishing capacities that will
7 cause an overall impact on food sources, major ecosystems, with social
8 and economic consequences; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Overfishing can cause an imbalance that can erode the food web and
10 lead to the loss of other important marine life while harming vulnerable
11 species such as corals and sea turtles; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation for solution to create sustainable fishing practices and,
14 be it banning commercial, container, and overfishing practices to allow
15 marine wildlife populations to rebuild; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That by eliminating commercial fishing it can rejuvenate the
17 oceans and reverse the damage humans have caused.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Harlan High School.



A Bill to Breach the Lower Snake River Dams to Increase Protection of the Snake River

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will breach the Ice Harbor, Lower
3 Monumental, Little Goose, and Lower Granite Dams to increase
4 regulation over the Snake River area.

5 **SECTION 2.** Breach is defined as creating an opening or a breakthrough of a dam.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the enforcement
7 of this bill.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will begin to be implemented on June 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by La Vernia High School.



A Resolution to Fight Piracy on the Coast of Africa

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. department of state has declared that in order to regain
2 stability, eliminate terrorism, and respond to the humanitarian needs,
3 piracy must be confronted; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Piracy around the Horn of Africa poses a significant threat to global trade;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** There has been a large spike in attacks in the last two years; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. is fully capable of committing large amounts of troops to
8 combating the piracy; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States should
10 increase its naval presence in the Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea to
11 address piracy in the region.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Winston Churchill High School.



A Resolution to Abolish State Mandated Rent Control Legislation to Increase Housing Availability

1 **WHEREAS,** State mandated rent-control legislation has led many rental property
2 owners to be unable to keep their properties due to the miniscule profits
3 they are forced to make, leading to a massive decrease in housing
4 availability; and

5 **WHEREAS,** States with the highest costs of living tend to also have these rent-control
6 laws, as well as some of the highest property taxes in the nation, leading
7 landlords to be unable or unwilling to take such a massive cut to profit, so
8 they sell their owned property and buy property in states without rent
9 control; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Rent control leads to a massive deficit in housing availability in a given
11 area when compared to the people seeking to rent a property in said
12 given area, which leads to an artificial manipulation in real estate in that
13 area; and

14 **WHEREAS,** Rent control will directly cause disincentive for development in a given
15 area, causing a decrease in vacancy rates, causing many more potential
16 tenants for an area with nowhere to house them; now, therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled completely abolish any policy that
18 involves a mandated rent over a given area.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by John Marshall High School.

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A Resolution to Support Voting Rights in America

1 **WHEREAS,** Several states have made unwarranted claims of voter fraud in American
2 elections; and

3 **WHEREAS,** These states have used these claims to justify limiting access to voting
4 rights in America; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Nine states including Georgia, Florida, and Texas have created restrictive
6 voting laws this year; and

7 **WHEREAS,** This legislation restricts innovative programs like drive thru voting and
8 voting by mail; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That any state that restricts voter access without evidence lose funding
10 support from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Boerne High School.



A Bill to Make Sexual Harassment Training Videos Mandatory For Any Corporate Business

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. government will make sexual harassment training mandatory
3 under federal law for all corporate business.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sexual Harassment numbers have not decreased since 1980, leaving
5 many feeling unsafe. Training videos on sexual harassment for
6 corporations are required in only six states, and all of them have different
7 standards to meet.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. federal government will require sexual harassment training in all
9 corporate businesses

10 A. A training video created by the U.S. Department of Homeland
11 Security will be distributed to corporations.

12 **SECTION 4.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will carry out the task of
13 creating, distributing, and enforcing the implementation of this bill.

14 A. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will be allotted 1.5 billion
15 dollars to create and distribute training videos to be ready within one
16 year.

17 B. Any corporation refusing or not using the training videos could
18 potentially face a 1,000 dollar fine.

19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect June 1, 2022.

20 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brackett High School.



A Resolution to Negotiate a Grand Bargain between the United States and China

1 **WHEREAS,** China has drilled deep in disputed territories to retrieve sediment core
2 from the seabed; and

3 **WHEREAS,** This action has raised tensions with neighboring countries in East Asia;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** China has used artificial islands to falsely extend its control of the sea;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** International institutions have been unable to resolve the conflict; and

8 **WHEREAS,** U.S. action is necessary in order to broker peace in the region; and

9 **WHEREAS,** U.S. rejection of the One China Policy has acted as a roadblock for
10 negotiations between U.S. and China; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** By the UIL Congress here assembled that the United States should offer
12 to recognize and adopt the One China Policy under the conditions that
13 China peacefully resolves territorial disputes in the South China Sea and
14 East China Sea and abides by international law with regards to territory
15 disputes ; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That in exchange for ending the United States' commitment to the
17 defense of Taiwan, China must officially accept the United States' long-
18 term military presence in East Asia.

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A Resolution to Provide Financial Aid to Indonesia to Protect Human Rights and Improve Relations

1 **WHEREAS,** Indonesia does not currently receive any aid from the United States and
2 receives minimal aid from other nations; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Indonesia's budget consists of .01% funding from other nations; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Human rights violations, socioeconomic struggles, and public service
5 inadequacy are a potential result of this lack of funding; and

6 **WHEREAS,** The United States used to give aid to Indonesia and strengthening
7 relations will combat human rights abuses as a whole; now, therefore be
8 it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation to reimburse financial aid to Indonesia to protect
11 human rights and improve relations.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by La Vernia High School.



A Resolution to Protect Ocean and Marine Wildlife in Order to Uphold Environmental Justice

1 **WHEREAS,** Plastic pollution is a serious threat facing marine wildlife and the ocean
2 they call home with more than 8 million tons of plastic entering our
3 oceans every year; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Marine litter is non-degradable plastic wrecking ecosystems and
5 drowning wildlife which is projected to increase over the next ten years;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS,** Single-use plastics; plastic straws, shopping bags, disposable utensils,
8 beverage containers, coffee capsules and other one-time use plastics are
9 a major contributor to ocean pollution and can cause great harm to
10 marine wildlife; and

11 **WHEREAS,** The sea covers 70% of the world's surface and is essential to regulating
12 oxygen, water, carbon dioxide levels, and regulating global temperature;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
15 recommendation for solution of comprehensive federal legislation to
16 begin to phase out throwaway single-use plastics made from fossil fuels,
17 hold the plastic industry responsible for its waste and pause construction
18 on any new plastic-making facilities to tackle the plastic pollution; and, be
19 it

20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That environmental justice is upheld, hold big plastic polluting
21 corporations accountable for the plastic crisis.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Harlan High School.



A Resolution to Increase Federal Support for Americans with Opioid Addiction

1 **WHEREAS,** Addictive opioids are on the rise within the United States, and there is
2 almost no federal or state assistance for Americans with severe opioid
3 addictions; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The explosion in use of illicit opioids, such as Fentanyl is worsening this
5 trend dramatically, thousands of Americans become addicted to these
6 drugs, and lack access to affordable treatment. This leaves thousands of
7 Americans in a situation where they are unable to receive any assistance.
8 In 2020, the United States lost 93,000 Americans due to overdose from
9 addictive opioids; and

10 **WHEREAS,** Given the huge number of Americans that fall victim to extreme opioid
11 abuse, thousands of households are destroyed, as families are unable to
12 feed their families, and be able to sustain a job; now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
14 recommendation to increase federal support for Americans with opioid
15 addiction; and, be it

16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled provide grants and
17 subsidies to states and localities to create or enhance facilities and
18 programs for the treatment of opioid abuse.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sandra Day O'Connor High School.



A Resolution to Allow Felons to Participate in All Voting Procedures to Provide Equal Opportunity

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Felons in many states are not allowed to vote and many have limitations;
2 and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Citizens who have been convicted of felonies are not allowed to
4 participate in any voting procedures, this varies by state. Some states
5 have placed limitations and others have no restrictions; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Those convicted are considered less than and discriminated against,
7 which harms our national values, as those who have been falsely
8 convicted also receive these same consequences; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Just because a person has broken the social contract does not mean they
10 should be treated any less, which means they should be allowed to vote
11 in the nation that has judged them and to which they have paid their
12 dues through imprisonment; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled shall allow all felons the right to
14 vote; and, be it
- 15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That all limitations against felons voting rights should be
16 eliminated.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by John Marshall High School



A Bill to Add Representatives to the House and Senate to Represent Indigenous Peoples

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall add two Senators and a proportionate number of
3 Representatives based on Native populations in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** As of 2021, 574 federally recognized Indigenous Nations would be
5 ensured equal, fair, and deserved representation.

6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and further the Bureau of
7 Indian Affairs (BIA) will oversee the bill.

8 A. The DOI will receive an additional \$10 billion to help stabilize the BIA.

9 B. The number of Representatives will fluctuate based on census
10 numbers of current Native populations.

11 C. Budget increases will be stripped away if the money is deemed as not
12 accomplishing the goals set forth in the bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted Jan 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by La Vernia High School.



A Bill to Require Sexual Education be Taught in Schools to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States should make sexual education a requirement in all public
3 schools.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sexual education will be defined as high quality teaching and learning about a
5 broad variety of topics related to sex and sexuality; exploring values and beliefs
6 that are needed to navigate relationships and manage one's own sexual health.

7 **SECTION 3.** This bill is to be enacted by the Department of Education to ensure that all
8 children are taught the basic understanding sexual education

9 A. This bill is to raise awareness to STD's and prevent the amount of teen
10 pregnancy in the United States.

11 B. Sexual education courses are to merge with current health curriculums in all
12 public schools.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented January 31, 2022.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Earl Warren High School.



A Bill to Assist Flint in Their Water Crisis

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Congress will enact new terms in order to assist Flint's water
3 crisis.

4 **SECTION 2.** Flint water crisis is defined as the lead contaminated water that has been and
5 continues to be distributed throughout Flint in recent years.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is tasked with overseeing this bill in
7 Flint, Michigan by implementing the following steps:

8 A. For the construction, and maintenance of this bill the Department of Health
9 and Human Services will allocate 20 million dollars to cleanse the water of
10 Flint, Michigan.

11 B. The EPA will install new pipes throughout the city of Flint to further purify
12 the current lead contaminated water.

13 C. The water source will also be immediately changed to the Detroit River which
14 will cost a minimum of half the grant.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately following passage.

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

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