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A Resolution to Recognize the State of Palestine to Effectively Reach a Two-State Solution

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently does not recognize the Palestinian State,
2 which makes a two-state solution impossible; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** A two-state solution is essential to ensuring lasting peace and fairness
4 between Israel and Palestine; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Numerous lives have been lost in the ongoing conflict which is quickly
6 escalating; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** We cannot effectively negotiate a peaceful two-state solution without
8 recognizing both states; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
10 recommendation to recognize the State of Palestine.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Term Limits on Congress

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

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
6 several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
7 Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** No person who has served three terms as a Representative shall be
10 qualified for the House of Representatives. For purposes of this section,
11 the appointment of a person to fill an opening in the House of
12 Representatives shall be included as one term in deciding the number of
13 terms that such person has served as a Representative if the person fills
14 the vacancy for more than one year.

15 **SECTION 2:** No person who has served two terms as a Senator shall be qualified for
16 the Senate. For purposes of this section, the appointment of a person to
17 fill a role in the Senate shall be included as one term in determining the
18 number of terms that such person has served as a Senator if the person
19 fills the role for more than three years.

20 **SECTION 3:** No term beginning before the date of the approval of this legislation shall
21 be taken into account in determining eligibility for election or
22 appointment under this legislation.

23 **SECTION 4:** The UIL Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by
24 appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.

We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and its subject matter is approved by school administration.



A Bill to Decommission Offshore Oil Platforms

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Abandoned oil production platforms will be decommissioned for
3 transition to artificial reefs.

4 **SECTION 2.** Oil platforms shall be defined as a structure designed to stand on the
5 seabed to provide a stable base for drilling and servicing oil wells.
6 Decommission is defined as the process of ending operations at an oil
7 platform and returning the area to a safe and environmentally acceptable
8 condition including plugging wells, removing infrastructure, complying
9 with governmental and environmental regulations.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, in coordination
11 with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, will implement this
12 legislation.

13 A. This legislation is retroactive and shall include currently abandoned
14 oil platforms.

15 B. Oil companies who refuse decommission shall pay fines of \$5,000,000
16 per year for each abandoned platform.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.



A Bill to Reopen United States Mines to Decrease Importing of 3T Minerals

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will allocate 5 billion dollars
3 annually to resume domestic operations in tin, tantalum, and tungsten
4 mines to decrease the importation of 3T minerals. The mining of these
5 minerals in the Great Lakes region of Africa—particularly the Democratic
6 Republic of Congo—has been linked to armed groups and conflict
7 financing.

8 **SECTION 2.** 3T minerals are tin, tantalum, and tungsten.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of
10 Agriculture (DEA) will oversee the implementation of this bill.

11 A. The states of Texas, California, Colorado, and Alaska have the largest
12 reserves of these minerals and will therefore receive the initial focus
13 and funding.

14 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lake Belton High School.



A Resolution to Limit the Annual Increase of Rent Prices

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The rising cost of rent is a significant concern affecting millions of
2 American households; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Uncontrolled rent increases can lead to housing instability and economic
4 hardship for renters, specifically low income families and;
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Implementing a cap on annual rent increases can provide stability and
6 predictability in housing costs; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL here assembled make the following recommendation that
8 the Department of Housing and Urban Development implement a 5%
9 annual cap on rent increases nationwide.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Corsicana High School.



A Bill to Build Recycling Facilities in Rural Communities

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government will mandate the construction and upkeep
3 of recycling facilities in rural communities to alleviate the effects of
4 pollution on the environment.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Rural Communities” is defined as a settlement with less than 2,000
6 households. Recycling facilities can be any facility where constituents can
7 get rid of their recyclable waste.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee
9 enforcement by staffing, building, and maintaining facilities.

10 A. The EPA will allocate necessary funding from its budget to fund the
11 construction, maintenance, staffing, and training for recycling
12 facilities.

13 B. Not every community will receive a facility: only those who meet the
14 above qualifications and do not have a place to recycle within 30
15 miles of their home.

16 **SECTION 4.** Construction will begin immediately after enactment, as of January 1,
17 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Hico High School.



A Bill to Limit Cell Phone Use in Schools

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A federal pilot program will be created to analyze the effect of cell
3 phones in the classroom. \$300 million will be granted to public schools
4 who pledge to implement “no phone” school policies to assist in
5 implementation cost.

6 **SECTION 2.** Federal pilot program will be defined as a research program that entails
7 reporting of school’s effectiveness.

8 Public schools are defined as an institution of learning, especially for
9 children. It is established under state law, regulated by local
10 state authorities, funded and maintained by public taxation, and open
11 and free to all children.

12 No phone polices are defined as the school shall prohibit students from
13 using a cell phone during instruction.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the enforcement.

15 **SECTION 4.** This program will begin in the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.



A Bill to Lower the Income Tax Rate for Middle and Lower Income Families

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress will lower the income tax rate for middle and lower income
3 families by 2%.

4 **SECTION 2.** Middle income will be the current 2024 22% tax bracket with income for
5 single taxpayers is \$47,150 and married couples filing jointly is \$94,300.

6 This bill will also include all lower tax brackets.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the enforcement of the
8 bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will start with the 2025 tax year.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Itasca High School.



A Resolution to Stop the Depletion of the Colorado River

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Colorado River has decreased by roughly 20% due to
2 overconsumption by the population of the Colorado River Basin; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The federal government declared a Tier 1 water shortage for the first
4 time; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The Colorado River Basin stretches over seven states in the United States
6 and serves over 40 million people living on the Colorado River Basin,
7 providing resources for electricity, forest survival, agriculture, and the
8 tourism industry; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The ecosystem within the Colorado River Basin will suffer without the
10 water from the Colorado River; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation to enforce a hard stop on new diversions, dams,
13 reservoirs, and pipelines across the Colorado River.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lake Belton High School.



A Resolution to Train Ukrainian Military Units in the United States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** On the 24th of February 2022 military forces of the Russian Federation
2 illegally invaded Ukraine; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Despite a valiant effort by the Ukrainian defenders, military forces of the
4 Russian Federation have not been expelled from Ukraine; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Failure for Ukraine to repel this invasion may have disastrous effects for
6 the sovereignty of surrounding states due to aggression on the part of
7 the Russian Federation; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** New, specialized, western style equipment required for the defense of
9 Ukraine has been provided by NATO, essential training on the operation
10 and maintenance on these western systems has been difficult for the
11 Ukrainian defenders to acquire due to the invasion of Ukraine by military
12 forces of the Russian Federation; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** While the necessarily high-quality training on these specialized western
14 systems is currently occurring, it is far from enough Ukrainians for all the
15 equipment to be properly utilized by the Ukrainian Military; now
16 therefore, be it
- 17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
18 recommendation for the expansion of training programs for Ukrainian
19 military units; and, be it
- 20 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That additional western equipment be provided to these
21 Ukrainian units to enable these Ukrainian units to be fully effective.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Midway High School.



A Resolution to Reduce the Maximum Prison Sentence to Twenty Years

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States is in the midst of a mass incarceration crisis with nearly
2 two million people currently detained in prisons or jails; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. has the highest incarceration rate of any independent
4 democracy in the world, with every single state incarcerating more
5 people per capita than most nations; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Mass incarceration in the United States can be largely attributed to
7 longer sentences rather than drastic increases in crime rates; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Mass incarceration has a destabilizing effect on communities, deepens
9 social and economic inequality, and costs tax payers billions of dollars per
10 year; now, therefore, be it

11 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
12 recommendation to abolish death and life without parole sentences,
13 limiting maximum prison sentences to 20 years.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mildred High School.



A Bill to Review Federal Minimum Wage

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage will be reviewed biannually, and changed as
3 necessary, to address fluctuations in the cost of living.

4 **SECTION 2.** Cost of living is defined as the amount of money needed to sustain a
5 certain standard of living by affording expenses such as housing, food,
6 taxes, and healthcare.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. State Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division shall
8 provide enforcement.

9 A. Data shall be provided by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

10 B. Changes to the federal minimum wage shall take effect within six
11 months of assessment.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.