

## **A Resolution to License Naturopathic Physicians #1**

1. WHEREAS: Naturopathic physicians are not licensed doctors in the Commonwealth of
2. Pennsylvania; and.
3. WHEREAS: They cannot make a diagnosis, prescribe medication, do blood-work, take
4. x-rays, etc. ; and.
5. WHEREAS: They are not covered by medical insurance and this often causes them to
6. be too expensive for those seeking this alternative to traditional medicine; and
7. WHEREAS: Naturopathic medicine often follows the religious beliefs or personal
8. philosophies of those seeking it, where traditional medicine does not.
9. THERE FORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here
10. assembled that: Naturopathic doctors, who meet the Federal credential standards,
11. having been trained at a four-year residential Naturopathic medical program will be
12. licensed in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and will be granted the full privileges
13. associated with such training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethel Park High School

A resolution concerning food safety #2

1. Whereas, recent reports of unsafe foods and other consumer products from China
2.           have raised concern of foreign food processing practices, and
3. Whereas, recent reports of mishandled food products processed in the United
4.           States have raised questions about our own domestic food supply, and
5. Whereas, in recent years, several outbreaks of food-borne illnesses have been
6.           traced to poorly maintained processing facilities and practices, and
7. Whereas, eating foods produced more closely to home reduces risks associated
8.           with far off, impersonal, industrial food producers, and
9. Whereas, community supported agriculture (CSA) often provides a reliable,
10.          organic, and sustainable source of a variety of foods, and
11. Whereas, the price of a subscription to a CSA farm may be expensive,
12. Therefore, be it resolved by the student congress here assembled that:
13.          the price paid by consumers for subscriptions to community supported
14.          agriculture (CSA) farms be fully tax deductible from federal income taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Fox Chapel Area High School

A BILL MANDATING BIID INSTALLATION ON ALL VEHICLES #3

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1: In order to pass state inspection, all motor vehicles will be
2. required to possess a breath alcohol ignition interlock device.
3. SECTION 2: Individual vehicle owners will be responsible for the purchasing,
4. inspection, and repair of the breath alcohol ignition interlock device.
5. SECTION 3: All vehicles must possess the BIID at all times. If a driver is
6. stopped or a moving violation and the vehicle lacks a working BIID, penalties
7. will be applied that include, but are not limited to, fines and points, using the
8. following pattern: first offense: \$500.00 fine and two points; second offense:
9. \$1000.00 and four points; third and subsequent offenses: \$1500.00 fine and
10. six points.
11. SECTION 4: Enforcement will fall under the jurisdiction of the DMV.
12. SECTION 5: This bill will become effective on January 1, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted

North Catholic High School

# A Bill Concerning Physical Education #4

- 1                            Be It Enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:
- 2        Section I        Physical Education instruction will no longer be mandatory in the  
3                            curricula of high schools in the United States for students in grades  
4                            9 through 12.
- 5        Section II        All federal subsidies for the purpose of physical education for  
6                            students in grades 9 through 12 will cease.
- 7        Section III        This legislation will take effect in the 2009-2010 school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Quigley Catholic High School

## **A Resolution to Restore Fairness to Media Coverage #5**

- 1 Whereas, over-the-air broadcasting is the most powerful force affecting public  
2 Opinion, and  
3 Whereas, broadcasters have been deemed trustee's of public property, and  
4 Whereas, it is in democracy's best interest to maintain an honest, equitable, and  
5 balanced media, therefore  
6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress here assembled that fairness be  
7 restored to the media by:
- 8 1. Reinstating the Fairness Doctrine to cover all radio and broadcast  
9 television airwaves.
  - 10 2. Reducing license terms from 8 years to 3 years.
  - 11 3. Making FCC reviews of licenses public and held in the local community.
  - 12 4. Increasing the FCC budget for 2009 from \$338,900,000 to \$500,000,000  
13 with the increase in funds going to enforce this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shady Side Academy

# Resolution to Reform Teacher Rewards and Accountability in Public Education #6

1       Whereas: The field of teaching has an alarmingly high turnover rate; and  
2       Whereas: Reasons for this turnover include low pay and difficulties with both  
3       parents and administration; and  
4       Whereas: Shrinking numbers of teachers and inadequacy of restrictions allow  
5       positions to be filled by teachers who are underqualified; and  
6       Whereas: Many parents have little opportunity for meaningful involvement in  
7       their children's education; and  
8       Whereas: Similar reforms have proven successful in New York schools,  
9       contributing to record test scores and graduation rates;  
10      Therefore be it resolved: That public schools nationwide will be required to  
11      provide parents with yearly surveys which rate teachers on availability,  
12      effectiveness, and other factors as modeled by the New York initiative; and  
13      Be it further resolved: That data from these surveys be combined with data  
14      tracking individual student improvement and ability to meet grade level standards,  
15      in order to determine the effectiveness of individual teachers; and  
16      Be it further resolved: That teachers be given increased or decreased wages  
17      according to their effectiveness as an incentive to provide students with the best  
18      possible education.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincentian Academy

## **A Resolution to Legalize Marijuana #7**

- 1 Whereas: Marijuana has been found to be relatively harmless
- 2 Whereas: The marijuana industry has been estimated to be a multi-billion dollar  
industry
- 3 Whereas: Taxes on marijuana could produce hundreds of millions of dollars
- 4 Whereas: Other countries have legalized marijuana with little negative impact
- 5 Whereas: Since 1990 5.9 million people in America have been arrested on marijuana  
charges
- 6 Whereas: Marijuana users obtain marijuana regardless of its illegality.
- 7 Therefore let it be resolved that: the production, sale, and consumption of marijuana  
be legalized

Respectfully submitted,

Upper St. Clair High School

HOMELAND SECURITY INTEGRITY ACT OF 2008 #8

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. The color-coded Homeland Security Advisory System is
2. discontinued and no longer used to “inform the public”
3. of possible terrorist attacks.
4. SECTION 2. The Transportation Security Administration is dissolved
5. in favor of private-sector security firms.
6. SECTION 2B. A congressional subcommittee is assembled to establish
7. new regulations in regards to transportation-related
8. security.
9. SECTION 2C. Current TSA employees are granted unemployment and
10. provided with occupational retraining, if necessary.
11. SECTION 3. Investigations commence to further explore alleged acts of fraud
12. committed by high-level DHS employees between
13. 2001 and the present.
14. SECTION 4. Experts are called upon to study and make suggestions in regards to
15. the cost and bureaucratic inefficiency of DHS.
16. SECTION 5. A bipartisan congressional subcommittee is formed to oversee the
17. transformation and suggest further changes to the Department of
18. Homeland Security’s structure.
19. SECTION 6. The changes and actions outlined in this bill are implemented no
20. later than June 1, 2009.
21. SECTION 7. All other laws that are in conflict with this bill are hereby declared
22. null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sewickley Academy

A Resolution to Construct a Physical Barrier  
Along the Southern US Border #9

Peters Township High School

1. **WHEREAS**, U. S. Customs and Border Protection is responsible for patrolling the 2,000
2. mile U. S. southern border, and
3. **WHEREAS**, agents apprehend only about one third of the estimated three million people
4. who cross the border illegally every year, and
5. **WHEREAS**, 65,814 "other than Mexican" illegals were apprehended in 2004, including
6. North Koreans and people from nations who sponsor terrorism, and
7. **WHEREAS**, U. S. intelligence officials have credible evidence that al-Qaeda leaders intend
8. to smuggle operatives and weapons of mass destruction across our borders, and
9. **WHEREAS**, the installation of fencing in the San Diego border sector resulted in a 27%
10. drop in arrests compared to a 7.9% increase in border-violation arrests nationally,
11. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here assembled that the
12. United States immediately construct a physical barrier system across the entire southern
13. border, and
14. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all necessary funding be allocated to the project.

A Resolution to Rescind the Current Graduated Progressive Tax System  
and Replace it with a Flat Rate Income Tax #10

1. Whereas the current system of taxation in the United States, the graduated progressive tax
2. system, places an unfair burden on certain sectors of the tax paying community.
3. Whereas: The entailing complications of the current system of taxation require a heavy burden
4. on the United States' budget in regards to the IRS and their subsequent expenditures.
5. Whereas: A flat rate taxation system is fundamentally fairer to tax-paying citizens, while at the
6. same time its installment would dramatically reduce costs associated with the IRS.
7. Whereas: Replacing the current system with a flat taxation system would also greatly benefit
8. the United States economy by allowing tax paying citizens to keep more of what they earn.
9. This would subsequently boost sales tax revenue in the United States.
10. Therefore let it be resolved that as of the next fiscal year, the United States rescind the
11. current Graduated Progressive taxation system in favor of a Flat Rate Income Tax.

Respectfully Submitted,

North Allegheny

A Resolution Concerning the Phrase "IN GOD WE TRUST" #11

1. Whereas, the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment erected, to quote Thomas
2. Jefferson, a "wall of separation" between church and state; and,
3. Whereas, in 1864 "IN GOD WE TRUST" was first placed on a piece of coinage in
4. this country; and,
5. Whereas, it was not until 1938 that all coinage bared this inscription; and,
6. Whereas, not until 1957 that it was first used on paper money; therefore,
7. Be it Resolved, by this student congress here assembled, that the phrase "IN GOD WE
8. TRUST" should no longer be printed on any legal currency in the United States; and,
9. Be it further Resolved that all current legislation found in contradiction of this shall be
10. declared null and void.

Pittsburgh Central Catholic

## **A Resolution To Solve The Energy Crisis In The United States #12**

1       **Whereas,** The United States mainly uses the burning of fossil fuels to provide  
2       commercially available energy to American citizens, and

3       **Whereas,** The use of non-emissions nuclear energy has proved both effective and  
4       successful in the United States and around the globe, and

5       **Whereas,** The United States is at the forefront in the development and  
implementation of

6       this energy source but does not use it even close to its fullest extent due to public  
opinion;

7       therefore,

8       Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that That the United States  
through the

9       Department of Energy acts to improve the public image of nuclear energy and  
proceed to

10      explore the usage of nuclear power in more areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Baldwin High School