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Docket A: Virginia Resolution V-1234

A RESOLUTION TO LEGALIZE ANY AND ALL 'RIGHT-TO-WORK' LAWS IN AN EFFORT TO WEAKEN UNIONS

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, 'right-to-work' laws are a big issue amongst unions and corporations

Line 02: today; and,

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, the option to identify with a union is objectively arbitrary and exposes

Line 05: workers to numerous liabilities while also putting many enterprises in unfair situations

Line 06: and,

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS, the existence of 'right-to-work' laws protect employees from unions

Line 09: while ensuring their loyalty to their employers; therefore let it be

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled legalize any and all

Line 12: 'right-to-work' laws in an effort to weaken unions

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Camryn Hicks

Smithfield High School

on Thu Feb 01 2024 17:04:49 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Resolution V-7986

A RESOLUTION TO COMPLETELY BAN CIGARETTE PRODUCTS IN VIRGINIA

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, Smoking a major cause for many diseases which has created a public

Line 02: health crisis in Virginia and,

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, More than 10,000 adults die from smoking every year in Virginia and more

Line 05: than 1,000 non-smokers die due to second hand smoking and,

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, Billions of dollars of annual healthcare costs in Virginia are caused by

Line 08: tobacco

Line 09:

Line 10: Therefore, let it be resolved, that the student Congress here assembled Ban all

Line 11: cigarette products in Virginia

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Andrew Thompson

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on Thu Feb 01 2024 17:08:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Resolution D-9876

A RESOLUTION TO FIX THE NUMBER OF UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, concerns over partisan court packing in the United States Supreme

Line 02: Court has been growing within the United States, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, maintaining stability and independence in the judiciary is crucial for the

Line 05: proper functioning of the legal system, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, the number of justices on the Supreme Court has historically been subject

Line 08: to change through legislative actions, Therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the Student Congress here assembled supports fixing the number of

Line 11: United States Supreme Court Justices at nine

Line 12:

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Ryan Snyder

Smithfield High School

on Thu Feb 01 2024 17:12:00 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Economic Resolution E-0000

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, there is a critical shortage of affordable housing in the United States, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, current housing market conditions in America have led to rising

Line 05: housing costs, making it increasingly difficult for individuals and families to secure

Line 06: stable and affordable housing, and

Line 07:

Line 08: WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing has had negative effects on many

Line 09: community and economic aspects, Therefore, let it be

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, the Student Congress here assembled increase funding for affordable

Line 12: housing

Line 13:

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Tristan Duffy

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on Thu Feb 01 2024 17:06:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: International Resolution I-7777

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT ASYLUM TO ROHINGYA REFUGEES INTO THE UNITED STATES

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the people of Indonesia are protesting the arrival of Rohingya refugees in

Line 02: the Aceh province, and

Line 03:

Line 04: WHEREAS, Rohingya people are fleeing the Bangladesh refugee camps due to their

Line 05: worsening conditions, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, America has the means to help and support this group without them

Line 08: becoming burdensome for our country, therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, by the student congress here assembled that we grant asylum to the

Line 11: people of Rohingya into the United States.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Isabella Meadows

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on Thu Feb 01 2024 17:09:47 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Domestic Resolution D-3005

A RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH THE DRAFT

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, The draft is an outdated and unjust way to operate a military during times

Line 02: of war, and

Line 03

Line 04: WHEREAS, fully voluntary militaries have been proven to be far more effective than a

Line 05: compulsory one in the recruiting and retaining of high-quality, motivated personnel;

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, numerous democratic and developed nations, including key allies of the Line

08: United States, have been able to maintain effective, professional, all-volunteer military

Line 09: forces without resorting to conscription

Line 10:

Line 11: RESOLVED, that in order to promote a just and effective military force the Student

Line 12: Congress here assembled abolish the Draft.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Seth Baker

Smithfield High School

on Thu Feb 01 2024 17:10:48 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Super Session: Domestic Resolution 1234

A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973

Be it resolved,

ine 01: WHEREAS, the current efforts being taken to preserve endangered species are

Line 02: failing, and

Line 03:

Line 04:WHEREAS, we are harming endangered animals in addition to our environment in

Line 05: not taking greater efforts to protect these species, and

Line 06:

Line 07: WHEREAS, we have a moral obligation to do everything possible to protect these

Line 08: animals; therefore, let it be

Line 09:

Line 10: RESOLVED, that the student congress here assembled reaffirm the endangered species

Line 11: act of 1973 in an effort to further protect animals at risk of

Line 12: extinction

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Camryn Hicks

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