

# CCHS After School Congress - 2/2/16 (A)

## A Resolution to Redraw State Congressional Districts to Eliminate Gerrymandering

1. **WHEREAS**, Current congressional districts often were created to serve for the
2. benefit of one party in that state's congressional elections, called
3. "gerrymandering;" and
4. **WHEREAS**, This has led to unfair advantages in most congressional districts for
5. one party and reduced the competitiveness of the parties; and
6. **WHEREAS**, This lack of competitiveness has reduced the accountability of
7. members of congress to the people, minimizing democracy and allowing
8. gridlock and polarization to occur in the government; and
9. **WHEREAS**, The Supreme Court ruled gerrymandering based on race illegal in 1995
10. with the case *Miller v. Johnson*, arguing it was not equal under the
11. Fourteenth Amendment; and
12. **WHEREAS**, This argument of inequality can be applied to beliefs under the First
13. Amendment, making all gerrymandering unconstitutional; now, therefore,
14. be it
15. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress hereby assembled recommends that states redraw
16. their congressional districts along county lines to avoid granting one party
17. an advantage.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cherokee Trail High School*

## A Resolution to Find a Better Ally

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Turkey is currently a member state of NATO, which upholds an obligation  
2 to defend its member states in the event of war, and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Turkey has recently attacked Russian planes in Syria, which has escalated  
4 tensions to heights of the Cold War era, and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The Turkish government is an oppressive, undemocratic regime whose  
6 actions are counterproductive to American efforts in the War on Terror, and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Turkey has used US resources given for the fight against ISIS on the Kurds,  
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The Turks have not supported American humanitarian efforts in Kobani, and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Turkey's strategic location in the Middle East has not been utilized  
11 effectively, and
- 12 **WHEREAS,** Inviting a different Middle Eastern country to NATO can help fill the  
13 geopolitical gap; now, therefore, be it
- 14 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled shall call for a North Atlantic Council  
15 emergency meeting to recommend the removal of Turkey from NATO  
16 and the invitation of Israel to NATO.



## **A Bill to Prohibit Alcohol Advertising**

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1. Broadcasting Alcohol commercials will be prohibited to display on
3. television channels and advertise on radio stations.
4. Section 2. Definitions-
5.                   A) Alcohol- a clear liquid that has a strong smell, that is a
6.                   substance in liquors (such as beer, whiskey, wine)
7.                   B) Commercial- a paid advertisement or promotional
8.                   announcement.
9.                   C) Advertise- to announce or praise (a product, service, etc.) in
10.                  some public medium of communication in order to induce people
11.                  to buy or use it.
12. Section 3.       The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will prohibit alcohol
13.                  commercials from broadcasting on over-the-air channels and radio
14.                  stations on a daily basis. Failure to comply with such commercials will
15.                  result in a fine of \$500,000 on the broadcasting company for each
16.                  instance.
17. Section 4.       This bill is to take effect in 12 months
18. Section 5.       All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Anusha Vajrala, Cherry Creek High School*



## Restoring Democracy Act

BE IT ENACTED THAT BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Article 1:** Any U.S. citizen who is 18 years old or older will now automatically be  
2 registered to vote when they receive a driver's license or state ID.
- 3 **Article 2:** U.S. citizen is defined as any individual born in the United States or  
4 any individual who has immigrated to the United States and gained  
5 citizenship.
- 6 **Article 3:** The United States Department of Justice shall oversee the enforcement  
7 and implementation of this bill.
- 8 **Article 4:** This bill shall take effect immediately after passage.
- 9 **Article 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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## A RESOLUTION TO DRONE OUT THE DRONES

1. **WHEREAS**, Armed drones are attack aircraft flown by a noncombatant operator, and
2.                   used by multiple nations to provide support and take out military targets at
3.                   low risk to the operator; and
4. **WHEREAS**, When drone strikes take place, they may hit populated areas and result in
5.                   high civilian casualties and cause damage to non-military targets; and
6. **WHEREAS**, The elimination of armed drones will result in lower civilian casualties and
7.                   damage in populated areas that may be near military and/or strategic
8.                   locations; and
9. **WHEREAS**, Downed drones could fall into the hands of enemies of the United States,
10.                  giving them possession of advanced military grade weapons; therefore be it
11. **RESOLVED**, That the United States Congress shall move that all UN member states
12.                  phase out the usage of drones as attack aircraft by 2020. Members will
13.                  only need to phase out drones that are designed or modified to carry
14.                  weaponry; surveillance drones will not be affected by this phase out.



# A Bill To Renew The Assault Weapon Ban

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1** That there are a total of 3,750,000 assault rifles in the United States.

3 **SECTION 2** Since the assault rifle's creation in WW2 was to kill as many people as  
4 possible, it provides no practical use in home protection, sport, or recreational use.

5 **SECTION 3** Since 1982, 23 mass shootings involved assault weapons creating a high  
6 death toll in a short period of time. An average of 100 people per year die from mass  
7 shootings.

8 **SECTION 4** This bill would target semi-automatic and other military style guns by  
9 prohibiting the manufacture of these weapons for consumer use while placing  
10 restrictions on existing assault weapons.

11 **SECTION 5** This bill shall take effect in 60 days.

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

*Introduced by Cherokee Trail High School*



## A Bill to Pull the Sweet Tooth

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The amount of sugar included in processed food and drink products will be  
2 hereby lowered.

3 **SECTION 2.** Processed food and drink products will be defined as the combination of two or  
4 more substances manufactured for the purpose of human consumption. This bill  
5 will enforce the following standards

6 A. For every product, the total amount of sugar, as shown on the label,  
7 cannot exceed 10% of the total product mass.

8 B. Food labels must now include a percentage for the Daily Value of sugar.

9 C. All products in conflict with this legislation will be subject to an additional  
10 500% sin tax.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2017.

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

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## **A Resolution to Regulate Private Military Corporations**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Whereas,** Private Military Corporations are slowly privatizing war and
2. global security; and
3. **Whereas,** PMC's cover the whole spectrum of the battlefield by working
4. for the U.S. military and terrorist groups alike; and
5. **Whereas,** PMC's are mostly made up of ex-military with as much
6. expertise as our own military; and
7. **Whereas,** PMC's are huge, unregulated corporations; now, therefore, be it
8. **Resolved,** By the Student Congress Assembled that: PMC's be regulated by
9. the Federal Government.

*Introduced by Michael Gromyko, Cherry Creek High School*





## **Bill to Recognize Religious Holidays**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1. **Section 1:** All schools shall be closed for at least one religious holiday of the main religions
2.           in United States.
3. **Section 2:** Main religions shall be defined as Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and
4.           Buddhism.
5.           School shall still be 185 days however the days off for religious holidays shall be
6.           counted in the vacation days of August.
7. **Section 3:** The Federal Government shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.
8.           The Public schools in United States shall enforce this legislation.
9. **Section 4:** This bill shall be enacted August 1, 2018.
10. **Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

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### A Resolution to Legit the Bit for Wit

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The use of cryptocurrency known as Bitcoin has increased in purpose and  
2 demand; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The lack of regulation and proper legitimization of the Bitcoin as a form of  
4 currency has resulted in its failure to be taxed as currency; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The absence of taxation and management over the virtual currency has led  
6 to America's loss of the opportunities to research and profit from the use of  
7 Bitcoins; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Before the Bitcoin becomes more prominent than it already is, the U.S. shall  
9 work to regulate the cryptocurrency; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the United States Congress here assembled shall urge for Bitcoin to be  
11 recognized as a legitimate form of currency in the United States; and, be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Congress shall recommend to the House Committee on  
13 Financial Services, the Securities and Exchange Commission and any other  
14 relevant federal body work to regulate and tax financial transactions  
15 conducted domestically through Bitcoin; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the money generated through the taxes shall go to the  
17 Department of Education to provide federal grants for the modernization of  
18 technology in underprivileged schools.