

A Resolution to Adopt the FREED (Federal Response to Eliminate Eating Disorders) Act

- 1 WHEREAS, Eating disorders are a serious national health problem.
- 2 WHEREAS, Eating disorders have the highest morbidity and mortality rates of
3 any mental health condition.
- 4 WHEREAS, There is very poor public awareness and understanding of the
5 mental health issues associated with eating disorders.
- 6 WHEREAS, Insurance companies routinely discriminate against and refuse to
7 provide coverage of those being treated for eating disorders.
- 8 WHEREAS, The Affordable Healthcare Act (Obamacare) does not provide for
9 mandatory health insurance coverage of those suffering from
10 eating disorders.
- 11 WHEREAS, The FREED Act is a comprehensive bill on eating disorders
12 addressing research, treatment, education, and prevention.
- 13 RESOLVED, This congress here assembled will urge the passage of the FREED
14 Act.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wheat Ridge High School

A Resolution to Abolish the Right to Use DTC (Direct to Consumer) advertising for Prescription Drugs

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Current laws allows drug companies to directly advertise prescription
2 drugs to consumers; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This practice has shown an increase for prescriptions of new drugs with
4 this advertising to be nine times greater than without; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** This increase in drug becomes detrimental, thus creating a society where
6 overly medicated populous develops more health problems and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Fixing this problem would not only help with the health of our nation, but
8 also the well being of our society as a whole; now, therefore, be it
- 9 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
10 for solution; and, be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the right to use DTC advertising for prescription drugs be
12 abolished.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Golden HS.

A Bill to Ban the Use of Surveillance Drones against U.S. Citizens

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Surveillance drones should not be used against U.S. citizens in a time of
3 peace or when there is no threat to the government. Due to recent
4 terrorist attacks, the government may always have a national security
5 threat amongst its people, and therefore claims to have the right to
6 constantly have security surveillance over the entire civilian mass
7 population. However this is a massive invasion of privacy of the U.S.
8 people and should be treated as such. By allowing the government to do
9 so, gives an unjust amount of power to the government over the civilian
10 population and thus should not be used unless in times when there is a
11 direct threat to the U.S. government.

12 **SECTION 2.** U.S. citizens are individuals born in the United States or U.S. or U.S.
13 territory, under age 18, residing in the U.S. with their birth or adoptive
14 parents, at least one of whom is a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization;
15 and individuals granted citizenship status by Immigration and
16 Naturalization Services (INS). A direct national threat against the
17 government is one that is publically declared against the U.S government
18 and is not equivalent to a perceived threat.

19 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will enact this legislation.

20 A. This department will also determine when there is a national security
21 threat and when it is appropriate to use surveillance drones against
22 the civilian population of rid the country of such threat.

23 B. Failure to comply with this law will be defined as treason.

24 **SECTION 4.** This law will take effect immediately.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakewood High School.

A Resolution Regarding Fraudulent Nutrition Labels

1. Whereas, The FDA provides guidelines about the claims and descriptions that manufacturers
2. may use in food labeling to promote their products; and
3. Whereas, misleading claims about food and nutrients are difficult to control; and
4. Whereas, health fraud, the promotion of false or unproven products for
5. profit, costs consumers billions of dollars each year; and
6. Whereas, Nutrition Information, whether scientifically correct or not, is
7. protected under the first amendment;
8. Therefore be it Resolved by the Student Congress assembled that: misleading nutrition
9. information released on food products shall have production shut down or fined 10.
 within reason.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bear Creek

A BILL TO REDUCE SUICIDE RATES IN THE ARMED SERVICES

1. Whereas: Suicide rates in the military have reached epic proportions, and
2. Whereas: The American people are under a moral obligation to adequately provide
3. for and support admitting personnel who risk their lives in the service of our country, and
4. Whereas: The culture that prevails in the armed services has not been conducive
5. to addressing the growing problem of suicide committed by military personnel,
6. Therefore, be it enacted by this congress here assembled that the following steps be put into place:
7. **Section 1:** Programs will be instituted throughout all branches of military service aimed at
8. reducing or eliminating the stigma associated with receiving mental health.
9. **Section 2:** A concerted effort will be made to recruit and hire psychological professionals to
10. eliminate shortages of mental health treatment providers and to make mental health
11. treatment and counseling readily available.
12. **Section 3:** Military regulations will be changed to ensure that military funerals or memorials are
13. provided to all otherwise eligible service members who die by suicide and that unit
14. commanders actively support the provision of such services.
15. **Section 4:** The executive branch will oversee the enforcement of this bill.
16. **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2014.
17. **Section 6:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wheat Ridge High School

A Resolution to Solve the Inequality in Marriage

1. WHEREAS, Same-sex couples do not have the same legal rights and federal protections in
2. Civil Unions as those in opposite-sex marriages do; and
3. WHEREAS, An estimated 5 percent of American identifies themselves under the category of
4. “homosexual” (which includes gay, lesbian, bi, or transgendered);
5. WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional on the grounds of violating the
6. Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which provides that “no state
7. shall... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws;” and
8. Same-sex marriage is a civil right. The 1967 Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia*
9. confirmed that marriage is "one of the basic civil rights of man.
11. WHEREAS, Religious views and opinion are not legal ground and basis for opposition and ban,
12. as we are a society that fundamentally separates church and state; and
13. WHEREAS, The American Psychology Association has stated that homosexuality is not
14. a choice; there has been little evidence to prove it as such; now, therefore be it
15. WHEREAS, Gay marriages will make it easier for same-sex couples to adopt children, and over
16. 100,000 children in the US are waiting to be adopted and
17. WHEREAS, An analysis by the New York Times in 2009 estimated that same-sex couples who
18. are denied marriage benefits will incur an additional \$41,196 to \$467,562 in expenses
19. over their lifetime compared to a married heterosexual couple.
20. Be it RESOLVED, By the Student Congress here assembled that, a federal law, binding
21. to the states as well, be passed allowing for members of the same sex who wish to
22. have the equal, legal benefits as those in heterosexual marriages be fully allowed
23. to do so; and, be it
24. Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That an amendment be passed that prohibits the definition
25. of marriage to be strictly defined as “between a man and a woman”.

Respectfully submitted by Golden High School

A Resolution to End Daylight Saving Time

- WHEREAS,** Daylight Saving Time is obsolete as it was started in World War I to save fuel by reducing the amount of time artificial lighting is used; and
- WHEREAS,** Daylight Saving Time causes increase in the chance of heart attack, workplace injury, cyberloafing, and decrease the productivity of the workers, and
- WHEREAS,** the index developed by Chmura Economics & Analytics shows that the United States lose up to \$434 million a year because of Daylight Saving Time, and
- WHEREAS,** this index does not include car accidents and other injuries that occur due to Daylight Saving time as a study by New England Journal of Medicine shows the association between lack of sleep from Daylight Saving Time and increase in chance of car accidents; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution to end daylight saving time; and, be it.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakewood HS.

A Bill to Improve the Election Process

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

2. **Section 1.** Only citizens of the United States of America, 18 years or older, whom are not in jail, have never
3. been convicted of a felony, whom do not claim the right to vote in any other nation besides the
4. United States, and who pass a political aptitude test will be permitted to vote in primary presidential
5. elections; furthermore, the second Tuesday of November in each presidential election year will now
6. be a national holiday.

7. **Section 2. Political aptitude test:** An oral test administered by a bipartisan committee, inside the building in
8. which voting occurs, in which potential voters must give at least 2 acceptable reasons for voting
9. for a specific candidate.

10. **Bipartisan committee:** A group of 3 people consisting of a registered member of the GOP of at
11. least 10 years who has never been registered in any other party, a registered member of the DMC of
12. at least 10 years who has never been registered in any other party, and a registered unaffiliated
13. voter who has never been registered into any party. All members of the committee must go through
14. training that teaches how to give an unbiased vote. Each voting precinct will be responsible for the
15. administering of the training. All members must be sworn to secrecy with regards to who voted in
16. what way.

17. **Pass:** The majority vote of the committee allowing the potential voter to vote.

18. **Acceptable reasons:** Given to the discretion of the members of the committee.

19. **Section 3.** The Election Assistance Commission will oversee the enforcement of this bill including the
20. development of the training.

21. A. The EAC's budget will increase in accordance to what the U.S. House Committee on the
22. Budget suggests the development and distribution of the training.

23. B. This money will come from a raise in taxes that all tax payers will pay equally per year.

24. **Section 4.** This law will go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bear Creek High School.

A Resolution to Require the Labeling of MSG and its derivatives on packaging of comestibles containing such

1 **WHEREAS,** Monosodium Glutamate more commonly known as MSG is the salt of the amino acid
2 by the name of Glutamic Acid which goes past is intrinsic intention of flavoring food; and

3 **WHEREAS,** MSG is labeled in varying forms to deceive the buyer using phrases like flavoring or
4 concentrate of whey and other gluten and glutamate based ingredients; and

5 **WHEREAS,** MSG is dangerous for the common individual but is even more hazardous for those
6 with autism, CoQ10 Deficiency, Epilepsy , Fibromyalgia, and Hypoglycemia; and

7 **WHEREAS,** Consumers eat a variety of goods containing monosodium glutamate and an increased
8 amount of MSG leads to birth defects and other instances to be cautionary of ; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Companies are not required to limit their MSG to certain levels so that consumers are
10 not necessarily aware of what they are ingesting

11 **WHEREAS,** For the enjoyment and benefit of both the consumer and the corporation selling the
12 aforementioned products the buyer should be able to acknowledge these facts through the packaging

13 **RESOLVED,** That the congress here assembled make the following recommendation that MSG and its
14 derivatives be labeled upon the front of all comestible product packaging containing such.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wheat Ridge High School

A Bill Concerning The Official Language Of The United States

Be It Enacted By This Student Congress That:

1. Section 1: The English language will become the official of the United States of America and
2. every US Territory
3. Section 2: "Official Language" shall be defined as the language that all employees and student
4. in and a part of the United States must be required to speak English. All employers
5. must require their employees to speak the language and all new immigrants must
6. know English before gaining US citizenship.
7. Section 3: Funding shall be through a 2% sales tax on all gas station and convient store
8. purchases. Money shall be distributed through the federal government to each state
9. depending on non-English speaking residents.
10. Section 4: Citizens who do not wish to obey the law will be subject to going through classes
11. that will be paid for by the sales tax and if citizens still refuse to follow the law, they will
12. have to pay a hefty fine of \$1000 dollars.
13. Section 5: Funds will be distributed and administered through the U.S. Departmentof Social
14. Services.

Respectfully submitted by

Golden High School

A Resolution to Discontinue the Production of the Penny to Reduce Wasteful Spending and Unnecessary Costs

1. **WHEREAS,** The U.S. is currently trying reduce Federal spending on unnecessary items
2. and services; and
3. **WHEREAS,** Production of the penny costs 2.4 cents, last year the Federal Government
4. spent a total of \$116 million dollars in the production of the penny alone. In
5. addition, pennies are not necessary for the economic function of the U.S. and
6. discarded pennies are further adding to the Mint's costs; and
7. **WHEREAS,** The United States is facing a substantial amount of debt, currently over \$16
8. trillion and rising. Important Federal programs are receiving spending cuts to
9. help reduce Federal spending and the national debt. These programs are far
10. more crucial to the daily lives of U.S. citizens then the penny; and
11. **WHEREAS,** Recent sequestration seeks to cut a total of \$85 billion dollars from the
12. Federal Budget. By discontinuing the production of the penny the U.S. could
13. successfully assist in the reduction of national spending without having to cut
14. programs that actively prove beneficial to citizens; now, therefore, be it
15. **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a
16. solution.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lakewood High School