

# TCFL SPRING SEMESTER STUDENT CONGRESS

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## SESSION I

### **A Resolution To Close Guantanamo Bay**

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WHEREAS less than one percent of the over 800 detainees at Guantanamo Bay have been convicted by a military commission, and

WHEREAS human rights violations at Guantanamo Bay have become public knowledge, including enforced disappearance and torture, and

WHEREAS the purpose of the detention camp has been warped by the War on Terrorism efforts, and

WHEREAS in 2009, President Obama promised to close the base, but no action has resulted from that intention, and

WHEREAS international sentiment views the continued use of the base as both undesirable and hypocritical, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that the United States Department of Defense will close the Guantanamo Bay base, and the United States Federal Government will return the land back to Cuba.

### **A Resolution to Lift Russian Sanctions and Repair Relations**

WHEREAS Russian cooperation is needed to achieve stability in Syria; and

WHEREAS securing Russia's cooperation is a strategic move beneficial to U. S. interests, and

WHEREAS imposing sanctions has failed to bring about a positive result, and

WHEREAS those sanctions include but are not limited to economic sanctions, military sanctions, expulsion of diplomats, and other actions designed to pressure or punish Russia, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT the United States remove all sanctions on Russia, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED retains the right to withdraw this resolution if Russian fails to cooperate in our joint diplomatic efforts to restore order in Syria.

## **SESSION II**

### **A Resolution to Withdraw from NAFTA**

WHEREAS the North American Free Trade Agreement has led to a loss of manufacturing jobs in the United States, and

WHEREAS the promised economic gains from the treaty failed to materialize, and

WHEREAS the United States would benefit from a renegotiation of the terms of trade with Canada and Mexico, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that:

- 1) The United States of America hereby withdraws from all restrictions and obligations under the North American Free Trade Agreement.
- 2) The President, through the Office of the United States Trade Representative, shall begin the process of renegotiating the terms of trade with Canada and Mexico.
- 3) This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon passage.

### **A Resolution to Restore the Economic Sanctions on Iran**

WHEREAS economic sanctions on Iran have been lifted, and

WHEREAS the Iranian government is reported to continue to develop WMDs, and

WHEREAS the Iranian government continues to support terrorism in the Middle East and the civil war in Syria,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED that all economic sanctions against the Republic of Iran shall be reinstated.

## **Session III**

### **A Resolution to Teach Students to Recognize Fake News**

WHEREAS we live in the information age, and

WHEREAS “fake news” is more prevalent and problematic than ever before, and

WHEREAS most people lack the basic knowledge of media outlets to discern fact from opinion from lies; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT the California Department of Education require a one-semester “Media Literacy” course for all students as part of their high school graduation requirements.

### **A Bill to Ensure the Future Solvency of Social Security**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. By 2037, the full retirement age will gradually be increased from age 66 to age 70 for all entitled citizens born after 1960.

SECTION 2. “Entitled citizens” shall be defined as American citizens whose work credits give them the right to collect Social Security benefits.

SECTION 3. The current Social Security payroll tax rate of 12.4% (half paid by employee, half paid by employer) will incrementally increase annually to 24.8 % by the year 2037.

SECTION 4. The maximum amount of annual earnings subject to the Social Security payroll tax will rise \$10,000 annually from the current cap of \$127,200 to \$327,200 by year 2037.

SECTION 5: A Social Security opt-out program will be instituted, allowing citizens to create their own tax-deductible retirement savings plans as they see fit.

SECTION 5. The Social Security Administration will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 6. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

SECTION 7. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.