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A Resolution to Let All Students Succeed

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The funding gaps among schools is due to the polarity of property value
2 within each state; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Funding gaps only provide for the wealthiest Americans with high
4 property values perpetuating low-quality education and inaccessibility to
5 provide for a successful future in all other cases; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Students living in areas where the property tax is lower on average are
7 less likely to graduate highschool and enter the workforce compared to
8 their privileged counterparts; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The quality of one's education and ability to graduate highschool is not to
10 be dependant on the property value within their school district; now,
11 therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled require States to facilitate and pool the
13 portion of property taxes currently subject to education and work to
14 redistribute said funds evenly among school districts.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by

Grandview High School, CO.

A Bill to Declare Capitalism Day a Federal Holiday

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Capitalism Day (commonly known as Black Friday), being the Friday immediately following
3 Thanksgiving, shall henceforth be recognized as a federal holiday.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** On this day, all non-essential federal government offices shall be closed, stock market
5 trading shall be suspended, and every federal government employee shall be paid for a
6 typical day's work.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** State and local governments are strongly encouraged to observe Capitalism Day in similar
8 fashion as they are able. Private businesses are encouraged to follow suit, excepting those
9 whose endeavors relate to, support, and benefit from the shopping that occurs on this day.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

The Olive Oil Integrity Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is directed to establish stricter guidelines in the
3 production, import, export, labeling, and sale of olive oil, such as those instituted and
4 enforced by the Agriculture and Rural Development Commission of the European Union
5 (EU).

6 **SECTION 2.** Specifically, the FDA must ensure that products labeled “extra virgin olive oil” meet the
7 EU’s standards, i.e., that it is unrefined oil from the first pressing of freshly harvested olives
8 and thus “the category with the highest quality. From an organoleptic point of view, it has
9 no defects and is fruity. Its acidity level must not exceed 0.8%” (Agriculture and Rural
10 Development, EU).

11 **SECTION 3.** The FDA is further directed to enact reasonable, effective penalties for any businesses who
12 violate these new guidelines.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the FDA.

14 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect one year from the date of passage.

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

A Bill To Promote The Mental Welfare of America's Public Servants

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every year on August 1st, members of the United States House of

3 Representatives and US Senate will undergo mandatory psychological
4 evaluation to determine mental fitness. These records will be publicly
5 available.

6 **SECTION 2.** Psychologists will check for early signs of disorders such as Alzheimer's and
7 dementia, as well as conduct IQ tests. The data recorded by these
8 psychological evaluations will be uploaded to the Department of Health
9 and Human Services website.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will be responsible for
11 selecting the psychologists used for the evaluation of members of
12 Congress, and will be responsible for reporting this data.

13 This legislation will also create a special HIPAA exception for members of
14 Congress regarding these evaluations, and any other psychological
15 evaluations they may receive during their term.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately upon passage. All laws in
17 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Call for a Temporary Halt to Russia's Security Council Veto Power

- 1 **WHEREAS** The International Court of Justice (ICJ) has outstanding arrest warrants for Vladimir Putin,
2 the President of Russia, and Maria Lvova-Belova, Russian Commissioner for Children's
3 Rights, for the alleged war crimes of unlawful deportation and transfer of children during
4 the Russo-Ukrainian War; and
- 5 **WHEREAS** The veto power afforded to the five permanent members of the United Nations' (UN)
6 Security Council is a statement of faith by the international community in the leadership
7 and character of the governments of those member nations; and
- 8 **WHEREAS** The lack of accountability Russia has demonstrated in failing to comply with the ICJ's
9 warrants speaks to a categorical failure to honor that faith; now, therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that the UN is strongly encouraged to find a way to revoke
11 Russia's Security Council veto power until such time as the Russian government has
12 complied with the ICJ's warrants; and be it
- 13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should the UN continue to afford Russia such an outsized role in
14 international politics while the Russian government persists in flaunting international law,
15 Congress shall consider other measures to address the situation, such as U.S. withdrawal
16 from the UN.

A Bill to Urbanize and Suburbanize the Solar Power Industry

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall levy a 10% tax on the annual revenue produced through the operation of
3 solar farms in rural areas, and funds raised through this tax shall be diverted to a fund
4 operated by the Department of Energy to create and run a program that incentivizes and
5 subsidizes the construction of solar arrays in non-rural areas over commercial parking lots.

6 **SECTION 2.** A solar farm, also known as a photovoltaic power station, is defined as a site utilizing at
7 least one acre of land area to host solar panels that produce electricity and supply power
8 for public utilities. This legislation utilizes the Department of Agriculture’s definition of
9 rural: “rural areas consist of open countryside with population densities less than 500
10 people per square mile and places with fewer than 2,500 people.”

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Energy and the Internal
12 Revenue Service (IRS).

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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