

December 9th, 2020

**A Resolution Honoring Young Democrats Running for Office During the
2020 Election Cycle**

Whereas, the Young Democrats of America promotes the political activity of Young Democratic activists, and

Whereas, Young people running for office face unique challenges, and

Whereas, Young people are the greatest catalyst for change, and

Whereas, the following young people ran for office during the 2020 election cycle:

Regina Weiss (MI), Michael Keys (MI), Mike Chehab (MI), Kyra Harris Bolden (MI), Stephen Wooden (MI), Rayonte Bell (MI), Ethan Petzold (MI), Darrin Camilleri (MI), Tyjuan Thirdgill (MI), Taylor Harrell (MI), Alex Bronson (MI), Charlie Cavell (MI), Marshall Kilgore (MI), Abraham Aiyash (MI), Domonique Clemons (MI), Justin Sheldon (MI), Vanessa Guerra (MI), John Fitzgerald (MI), Daniel Colling (MI), Alexis Rogers (VA), Tavarris Spinks (VA), Vernon Tillage (VA), Cristina Diaz-Torres (VA), Phil Robinson (OH), Terrence Upchurch (OH), Juanita Brent (OH), Bride Sweeney (OH), Dontavious Jarrels (OH), Erica Crawley (OH), Jessica Miranda (OH), Brigid Kelly (OH), Sedrick Denson (OH), Casey Weinstien (OH), Willis Blackshear Jr. (OH), Danny O'Connor (OH), Kari Bloom (OH), Scott Crowley (OH), Brandon McClain (OH), Brad Cromes (OH), Katie Moline (OH), Mauree Turner (OK), Jose Cruz (OK), Collin Walke (OK), Mickey Dollens (OK), Ajay Pittman, Cyndi Munson (OK), Brandan Roche (MA), Michael Dooley (MA), Tram Nguyen (MA), Adam Scanlan (MA), Omar Fateh (MN), Sonia Neculescu (MN), Sydeny Jordan (MN), Will LaRose (MA), Dora Drake (WI), Kristina Shelton (WI), Greta Neubauer (WI), Mark Spreitzer (WI), Emily Seigriest (WI), Jacob Malinowski (WI), Jonathon Hansen (WI), Sarah Yacoub (WI), Felix Rivera (AK), Jeremiah Youmans (AK), Julia Hnilicka (AK), Calvin Schrage (AK), Elizabeth Ferguson (AK), Levi Shinkle (WY), Audrey Spanko (TX), Erin Zweiner (TX), Mary Gonzalez (TX), Shiloh Salazar (TX), Amber Avis-Hinojosa (TX), Clayton Tucker (TX), James Parker Jr. (AL), Landon Nichols (AL), Bruce L. Taylor (AL), Robert Mardis III (AL), Verjilya Hughes (AL), Devyn Keith (AL), Zach Isabel (AL), Maureen Bauer (IN), Blake Johnson (IN),

Mitch Gore (IN), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY), Richie Torroes (NY), Tyrae Woodson Samules (NY), Joseph J. Sackman III, Jennifer Rajkumar (NY), Mondaire Jones (NY), Ben Reynolds (NY), Michelle Hinchey (NY), Elijah Reichlin-Melnick (NY), Khaleel Anderson (NY), Connor Lamb (PA), Nikil Saval (PA), Amanda Cappelletti (PA), Joanna McClinton (PA), Ryan Bizzarro (PA), Emily Kinkead (PA), Sara Innamorato (PA), Brandon Markosek (PA), Summer Lee (PA), Austin Davis (PA), Jessica Benham (PA), Nick Pisciotto, Jr. (PA), Steve Malagari (PA), Liz Hanbidge (PA), Kyle Mullins (PA), Manuel Guzman (PA), Michael Schlossberg (PA), Brian Kirkland (PA), Jennifer O'Mara (PA), Jason Dawkins (PA), Malcolm Kenyatta (PA), Jordan Harris (PA), Rick Krajewski (PA), Amen Brown (PA), Morgan Cephas (PA), Justin Holsomback (GA), Jordan Johnson (GA), Ebony Carter (GA), Booker T Gainor (GA), Adot Whitely (GA), Jerica Richardson (GA), Sarah Beeson (GA), Lyndsay Terrebonne (GA), Lyndsay Arrendale (GA), Kyle Rinaudo (GA), Jon Ossoff (GA), YT Bell (GA), Park Cannon (PA), Leigh Miller (GA), Sam Park (GA), Kirkland Carden (GA), Lauren Underwood (IL), Jermaine Johnson (SC), Brandon Thomas (TN), Gabby Salinas (TN), Matthew Miller (SC), Radiant Cordero (HI), Jacob Aki (HI), Trish La Chica (HI), Torrey Harris (TN), Landon Lamar (TN), Sammi Brown (WV), Marvin Pendarvis (SC), Daqavise Winston (IN), Devin Murphy (CA), Jorge Emmanuel (PR), ErNiko Brown (SC), Dani Brzozowski (IL), Bennett Lapidés (TN), Bobby Harrell (TN), Deon Tedder (SC), Andy Kim (NJ), Matt Ferry (TN), Natalie Higgins (MA), Raph Graybill (MT), Brodey Weber (NE), Carlton Kinard (SC), Matt Fox (KS), Cole Fine (KS), Kevin Thomas (NY), Meg Kilcoyne (MA), Zack Zappone (WA), Sam Bledsoe (TN), Justin Simmons (NE), Jarvus Turnley (TN), Chase Clemons (TN), Sarah Hammond (PA), Lee Griffin (PA), Kristy Gnibus (PA), Michelle Siegel (PA), Shanna Danielson (PA), Graham Gonzales (PA), Phil Heasley (PA), Samuel Doctor (PA), Lissa Geiger Schulman (PA), John Padora (PA), Amanda Waldman (PA), Tara Shakespeare (PA), Rick Hodge (PA), Brittney Rodas (PA), Lindsay Drew (PA), Joanna Bryn Smith (PA), Taylor Piccone (PA), Kevin Branco (PA), Jason Ruff (PA), Michael Blichar (PA) and Andrew Gounardes (NY)

Therefore be it resolved, the Young Democrats of America honor each of the candidates named in this resolution and any other Young Democrats candidates in good standing for their commitment to public service and for their campaigns!

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Resolution condemning the Insurrection by House Republicans

Whereas: Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. and Kamala Devi Harris won the 2020 Presidential election by securing 306 electoral college votes, and

Whereas: One Hundred Twenty Six (126), Republican Members of the United States House of Representatives actively sought to un dermine the election by suing the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Georgia in Federal court, and

Whereas: The Republican Members of the House of Representatives openly sought to disenfranchise the voters in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Georgia by denying the reality that Donald J. Trump and Michael Robert Pence, lost the election, and

Whereas: The attempt to disenfranchise the electors of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Wisconsin, in order to change the outcome of the election, is a seditious act that serves to undermine the Union of the United States of America, and

Whereas : The Texas Republican Party Chair has called for like minded States to secede from the United States as a result of losing the lawsuit these members of Congress condoned, and

Whereas: The 14th amendment very clearly states that members of Congress can not engage in insurrection against the United States of America.

Therefore be it resolved: The Young Democrats of America call on the Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi to refuse to sit the one hundred twenty six (126) Republican members of the United States House of Representatives who are trying to undermine our democracy.

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Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr.

Authored by Tia Hopkins, Mid-Atlantic Region Director for YDA

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. was a member of Young Democrats for almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. joined his local chapter of the California Young Democrats when he was just 15 years old; and

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. served as Chair of the Minority Caucus of Young Democrats of Maryland from 2009-2011; and

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. served as Vice-President of Young Democrats of Maryland from 2011-2013; and

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. served as President of Young Democrats of Maryland from 2013 until his sudden passing on August 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen was a co-founder of the Black Caucus of Young Democrats of America; and

WHEREAS Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. mentored countless members of Young Democrats of Maryland and Young Democrats of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America commemorates and honors the life and legacy of Joseph Lynn Kitchen Jr. for his invaluable contributions to Young Democrats at the local, state, and national levels.

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RESOLUTION CALLING UPON PRESIDENT - ELECT JOSEPH R. BIDEN AND
CONGRESS TO RECOGNIZE THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 3RD PUERTO
RICO STATEHOOD PLEBISCITE

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Whereas since 1898, Puerto Rico has been an unincorporated territory of the United States, making it its longest - held territory and the oldest colony in the world;

Whereas in 1917, United States citizenship was granted to individuals born in Puerto Rico to permanently bind the territory to the Nation;

Whereas Puerto Ricans are disenfranchised American citizens, unable to vote for their President or elect Senators and Representatives to the United States Congress, which approves laws that apply to and holds plenary powers over them;

Whereas Puerto Rico's territorial status allows unequal and discriminatory treatment towards Puerto Rico and has substantially hampered its economic growth, causing mass migration to the mainland

Whereas the unequal treatment of Puerto Rico under federal law violates the most basic principles of democracy, and permanent parity in federal programs can only be achieved with statehood;

Whereas in 2012 an absolute majority of Puerto Ricans rejected the current territorial status;

Whereas the Young Democrats of America's 2019 - 2021 platform recognizes the results of the 2012 and 2017 plebiscites, where Puerto Ricans favored statehood as a status option and calls upon Congress to act on the will of the people of Puerto Rico and admit Puerto Rico as a state of the Union;

Whereas the 2020 Democratic Party Platform states that the People of Puerto Rico deserve self - determination;

Whereas in Aponte Rosario et al., v. President EEC, et al., 2020 TSPR 119, the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico determined that the plebiscite pursued a public purpose and was a constitutionally valid exercise of self-determination;

Whereas on November 3rd, 2020, an unquestionable absolute majority of the people of Puerto Rico voted to be admitted as a state of the Union, marking the third time in less than a decade where the American citizens of Puerto Rico have rejected the current territorial status and called upon Congress to grant them statehood;

Whereas the November 3rd, 2020 vote was carried in a free and fair manner, and the process had full participation from people and parties from across the political spectrum and was not boycotted by any political party or organization in Puerto Rico;

Whereas support for Statehood surpasses that for any other political movement or political party in the archipelago of Puerto Rico and has support across the political spectrum of the United States;

Whereas we recognize statehood for Puerto Rico as a civil rights issue, as the majority of Puerto Ricans have said that they want the core voting and citizenship rights that come with statehood;

Be It Resolved that the Young Democrats of America (YDA) recognizes the results of the plebiscite for the “Final Definition of Puerto Rico’s Political Status” held on November 3rd, 2020 as a legitimate and valid democratic method for exercising the right to self-determination of the American Citizens of Puerto Rico;

Be It Further Resolved we, the Young Democrats of America, are calling upon the members of 117th United States Congress and the President-elect of the United States, Joseph R. Biden to recognize, validate and act upon the results of the November 3rd, 2020, and approve an enabling act with terms for Puerto Rico's immediate admission as a state of the Union.

Let It Further Be Resolved that within 30 days of enacting this resolution the Secretary of the Young Democrats of America shall transmit the full text of this resolution to the office of the President-elect of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, the offices of the members of the Senate Democratic Caucus, the offices of the members of the House Democratic Caucus, and the leadership of the Democratic National Committee.

Sponsors:

1. Gabriela M. Medina Marrero, President, Young Democrats of Puerto Rico
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3. Luis Augusto Martinez, National Committee Representative, Young Democrats of Puerto Rico
4. Simón Carlo, Budget Committee Chair, Young Democrats of America

Resolution Calling upon the Biden Administration to Extend the Memorandum on Continued Student Loan Payment Relief During the COVID 19 Pandemic

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Whereas, on March 27, 2020, Congress passed, and the president signed into law, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which provided relief to tens of millions (approx. 42.3 million) of student loan borrowers during the pandemic caused by COVID - 19 by both suspending loan payments and temporarily setting interest rates to zero percent.

Whereas, on August 8, 2020, the president issued the *Memorandum on Continued Student Loan Payment Relief During the COVID - 19 Pandemic*^[2] that effectively extended the repayment suspension on federal student loans and the halt on involuntary collections until January 31, 2021. Which states, “the Secretary of Education shall take action pursuant to applicable law to effectuate appropriate waivers of and modifications to the requirements and conditions of economic hardship deferments described in section 455(f)(2)(D) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)(2)(D), and provide such deferments to borrowers as necessary to continue the temporary cessation of payments and the waiver of all interest on student loans held by the Department of Education.”

Whereas, on February 1, 2021, payments will resume for the nearly 37 million of the approximately 42 million Americans with federal student loan debt who have chosen to suspend their payments.

Whereas, the Biden administration could reimpose protections after February 1st, 2021, however, student borrowers could be left vulnerable for weeks to months subsequently during these already uncertain times.

Whereas, as the Coronavirus cases continue to surge in the United States (as of November 2020,) many Americans remain unemployed due to the COVID - 19 pandemic. The national unemployment rate standing at 6.9% in October 2020^[4], 3.3 points higher than in October 2019, borrowers among the unemployed are especially vulnerable. Nearly 12 million Americans will also lose their unemployment benefits^[1] come December 31, 2020, among other aid resulting in millions of families facing poverty and financial ruin.

Whereas, the COVID - 19 pandemic disproportionately affects BIPOC communities that are already disproportionately affected by the burden of student loan debt as a result of systemic racism, a failure to the repayment suspension will further defer the “American Dream” for BIPOC.

Whereas, the COVID- 19 pandemic has also disproportionately affected women, who hold two- thirds of the nation’s student debt, on average borrowing \$3,000 more than their male counterparts ^[3], a failure to extend the Presidential Memorandum will further widen the wealth gap between women and men in the United States.

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives has passed the HEROES Act which suspends student loan payments, and

Whereas, the United States Senate, under the leadership of Mitch McConnell has refused to take a vote on the HEROES Act, and

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Young Democrats of America (YDA) wants the tens of millions of student loan borrowers to be protected during this time of economic crisis caused by the COVID - 19 pandemic.

Therefore, Be it Further Resolved, that YDA urgently calls on the Biden administration, more specifically the president and the Secretary of Education, to immediately extend the federal student loan suspension and the halt on involuntary collections through at least September 30, 2021, joining the efforts of those who have already called on the Secretary of Education to do so.

Sponsors:

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[1] Andrew Stettner and Elizabeth Pancotti, et al. “12 Million Workers Facing Jobless Benefit Cliff on December 26.” *The Century Foundation*, 19 Nov. 2020, [tcf.org/content/report/12-million-workers-facing-jobless-benefit-cliff-december-26/?session=1](https://www.tcf.org/content/report/12-million-workers-facing-jobless-benefit-cliff-december-26/?session=1).

[2] “ Memorandum on Continued Student Loan Payment Relief During the COVID- 19 Pandemic.” *The White House*, The United States Government, www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/memorandum-continued-student-loan-payment-relief-covid-19-pandemic/.

[3] “Sign-on Letter: 77 Orgs Call on DeVos to Extend the Federal Student Loan Suspension.” *Americans for Financial Reform*, 28 Oct. 2020, ourfinancialsecurity.org/2020/10/sign-on-letter-77-orgs-call-on-devos-to-extend-the-federal-student-loan-suspension/.

[4] “State Employment and Unemployment Summary.” *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 20 Nov. 2020, www.bls.gov/news.release/laus.nr0.htm.

Resolution Disavowing Aaron Coleman

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America, per its 2019-2021 Platform, “believes that basic human rights should be attributed to all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression;” and

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America, per its 2019-2021 Platform, “stands in solidarity with anyone facing oppression, and will fight to defend them. We oppose all forms of prejudice and bigotry;” and

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America has previously called on candidates for public office that have shown behaviors that exhibit, but are not limited to, overt racism, misogyny, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and/or other forms of discrimination to withdraw from races; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Representative-elect Aaron Coleman of Kansas, [body-shamed a classmate and blackmailed her for explicit photos when they were younger](#); and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Aaron Coleman [asked a now ex-girlfriend to perform sex acts with which she was not comfortable and, when she refused, Colman assaulted her](#); and

WHEREAS, Aaron Coleman told that ex-girlfriend via text message to commit suicide and hoped she would be brutally raped and killed; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Coleman announced on August 23, 2020 that he was dropping out of the race for Kansas House of Representatives for District 37, though he was the lone candidate on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, [Aaron Coleman announced on August 25, 2020 that he decided to re-enter the race](#); and

WHEREAS, after his election, [Aaron Coleman tweeted threats to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly](#); and

WHEREAS, Aaron Coleman is currently subject to a temporary restraining order pursuant to an action filed by the manager of a rival campaign due to his constant harassment over the past year”; and

WHEREAS, Democrats in Kansas are seeking to not have [Aaron Coleman seated as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives](#); and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party, if it is to be a party of inclusion and opposition to all forms of harassment and sexual violence, cannot have candidates within its ranks that stand in the way of that mission. Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America call on the Kansas House of Representatives to not seat Aaron Coleman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America fully and completely disavow Aaron Coleman as a Young Democrat; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America call on the Wyandotte County Democratic Party to begin recruiting a Young Democrat to run for Aaron Coleman's seat in two years in short order.

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**RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO ELIMINATE
STUDENT DEBT THROUGH EXECUTIVE OR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

Authored by Kimberly Agyekum, OH, Issue Advocacy Director

Calling upon the next President of the United States to prioritize the needs of the struggling borrowers in this country and take executive or legislative action to cancel Federal student loan debt

Whereas the United States is facing historic public health and economic crises caused by the coronavirus (COVID–19) pandemic that threatens the financial well-being of nearly every American family; and

Whereas the millennial generation is facing an economic downturn for the second time in their lifetimes¹, further hindering them from doing better than the generation before them; and

Whereas nearly 43,000,000 Americans currently hold more than \$1,700,000,000,000² in federal student loan debt; and

Whereas student debt disproportionately impacts people of color and exasperates the racial wealth gap³; and

Whereas Black and Latino families have lower median household incomes than white families⁴; and

Whereas Black students are forced to take on student debt due to systematic barriers barring them from accruing wealth³; and

Whereas 85% of Black students take federal loans out compared to 60% of white students³; and

Whereas Black borrowers have over 85% more debt than their white peers when they start their careers due to student loans⁴; and

Whereas 12 years after Black, Native American and Latino borrowers owed a higher ratio of their loan balances 12 years after their initial loan date, on average⁴; and

¹ Lowrey, Annie. 2020. "Millennials Don't Stand a Chance" *The Atlantic* <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/04/millennials-are-new-lost-generation/609832/> (November 23, 2020)

² "Student Debt Crisis" <https://studentdebtcrisis.org/> (November 23, 2020)

³ Richardson, Randi. 2020. "Biden is under pressure to forgive student debt. Here's why it's a racial issue." *NBC News* <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/biden-under-pressure-forgive-student-debt-here-s-why-it-n1248469> (November 23, 2020)

⁴ Safier, Rebecca. 2018. "Study: Student Loans Weigh the Heaviest on Black and Hispanic Students" *Student Loan Hero* <https://studentloanhero.com/featured/study-student-loans-weigh-heaviest-black-hispanic/> (November 23, 2020)

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected communities of color across the nation, not only in health but economically⁵; and

Whereas exponentially rising costs of higher education are not compatible with stagnant wages⁷

Whereas student debt cancellation is the most efficient and effective solution to our student debt crisis and serves as direct economic relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic⁶.

Be It Resolved that the Young Democrats of America (YDA) is calling on the incoming administration to prioritize the economic relief of the tens of millions of Americans by canceling all federal student loan debt; and

Be It Further Resolved that the action we, YDA, are calling on to be accomplished as quickly as possible as to begin economic recovery; and

Be It Further Resolved that we, YDA, are calling for total federal student debt cancellation to be achieved through legislative action or through executive order

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⁵ Maxwell, Connor and Solomon Danyelle. 2020. "The Economic Fallout of the Coronavirus for People of Color" *Center for American Progress*. <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/race/news/2020/04/14/483125/economic-fallout-coronavirus-people-color/> (November 23, 2020)

⁶ Arnold, Chris. 2019. "Forgiving Student Debt Would Boost Economy, Economists Say" *NPR*. <https://www.npr.org/2019/11/25/782070151/forgiving-student-debt-would-boost-economy> (November 23, 2020)

⁷ Maldonado, Camilo. 2018. "Price Of College Increasing Almost 8 Times Faster Than Wages" *Forbes*. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/camilomaldonado/2018/07/24/price-of-college-increasing-almost-8-times-faster-than-wages/?sh=5960e68a66c1> (November 27, 2020)

Resolution Condemning Rep. Tulsi Gabbard for Introducing the Protect Women's Sports Act

WHEREAS the Young Democrats of America has previously affirmed in its platform support for the “continued development of legislation protecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals in the areas of employment, housing, healthcare, education, marriage and adoption, and will actively lobby our legislators to do the same;” and

WHEREAS the Young Democrats of America has previously affirmed in its platform that it “will challenge people to respect all individuals, regardless of gender identity and expression;” and

WHEREAS the Young Democrats of America recognizes the contributions of the wider transgender/gender non-conforming/non-binary (“TGNCNB”) community to the broader social justice movement and stands firmly behind all TGNCNB individuals; and

WHEREAS the Young Democrats of America will always stand up for the protection of TGNCNB youth, whether at home, at school, or in the community; and

WHEREAS on December 10, 2020, lame-duck Democratic member of Congress and failed presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard introduced H.R. 8932, Protect Women's Sports Act, and

WHEREAS, the H.R. 8932 would mandate that Title IX protections for extracurricular sports would only apply to women who were assigned female at birth; and

WHEREAS, Title IX states “No person in the United States shall, based on sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance;” and

WHEREAS, Title IX has been interpreted to require schools, colleges, and universities to provide equal opportunities in sports regardless of gender; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of medical experts and professional medical academies have determined that both sex and gender are spectrums and people cannot be categorized only within the male-female binary; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, the H.R. 8932 would force TGNCNB athletes to play sports on and against players whose gender expression does not match; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, the H.R. 8932 could create potentially dangerous situations for TGNCNB athletes wherein they could be subjected to harassment, threats of violence, or worse; and

WHEREAS, TGNCNB athletes deserve the right to play sports in teams and leagues with whom they feel most comfortable and welcomed; and

WHEREAS, while Rep. Gabbard claims to be in favor of LGBTQ+ rights and is a Member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus, introducing the H.R. 8932 makes it evident that she holds anti-LGBTQ+ beliefs though she claimed previously to have renounced them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Young Democrats of America condemn Rep. Tulsi Gabbard for the introduction of the H.R. 8932; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America call on Rep. Gabbard to repeal her introduction of the H.R. 8932; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should Rep. Gabbard not repeal her introduction of the H.R. 8932, the Young Democrats of America call on her to resign as a member of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America call on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to not let the H.R. 8932 come to a vote on the floor; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America will fight to ensure that passage of the H.R. 8932 is blocked and will fight against the re-election efforts of any member of Congress who supports it.

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