

A RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES

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WHEREAS, A refugee is a person who has fled his or her country of origin because of past persecution or a fear of future persecution based upon race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group; and

WHEREAS, since 1975, the United States has welcomed over three million refugees to its shores as an expression of the American people's compassion, generosity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, almost 12 million people have been displaced by the conflicts in Syria, and over half of these displaced persons are children; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration is increasing the number of Syrian and other refugees admitted to the U.S. on an annual basis to 100,000 in the next two years and has provided \$4.5 billion in humanitarian assistance to people affected by this conflict;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America supports the human rights of all asylum and refugee status seekers escaping persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America supports the basic human rights of deserving asylum and refugee status seekers fleeing persecution and violence from the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Mexico, Central and South America, and we urge the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to process these eligible individuals as refugee asylum seekers not economic migrants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America supports the Obama Administration's efforts to increase the number of refugees admitted to the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America supports efforts by states and local communities to create more welcoming environments for refugees by passing laws and policies that support language access, housing, employment, and more; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America commend the numerous nonprofit and community organizations that provide needed services for refugees, and call upon Young Democrats all across the United States to charitably support these organizations to the extent that they are able.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING JOHN BEL EDWARDS FOR LOUISIANA GOVERNOR

Sponsor: Ralph Johnson (LA)

Co-sponsors: Daniel Sims (AR), Joshua Harris-Till (OK), Sache Primeaux-Shaw (OK), Celia Morgan (TX), Jara Butler (TX), Jalen Anderson (MO), Andrew Miller (MO), Ryan Terrell (FL)

WHEREAS, John Bel Edwards currently serves as the State Representative for District 72 in Louisiana's North Shore region, and

WHEREAS, He is a 1988 Dean's List graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point where he was chosen by his classmates as the Vice Chairman of the Honor Committee in Charge of Investigations, and

WHEREAS, after eight years of active duty with the US Army as an Airborne Ranger, culminating with command of a rifle company in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he went on to graduate Order of the Coif from Louisiana State University's Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

WHEREAS John Bel, graduated as valedictorian of his Amite High School class. As one of eight children from a family long dedicated to public service, John Bel carries on the family tradition. John Bel learned the importance of public service at an early age, and

WHEREAS, his compassion and good judgment, coupled with his ability to understand the details of legislation, has made him a force to be reckoned with among his colleagues in the Louisiana Legislature, and

WHEREAS, he is a Husband, Father, Public Servant, Veteran, Small Businessman John Bel Edwards Will Put Louisiana youth, Louisiana Families and Louisiana Workers First.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Young Democrats of America fully endorse John Bel Edwards for Governor of the Great State of Louisiana, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Young Democrats of America directs its Board of Directors to provide reasonable assistance and available resources to and calls upon its members to support and assist Young Democrats of Louisiana in get out the vote efforts to elect John Bel Edwards.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JUNE AS GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Sponsor: Michael Corbett (NY)

WHEREAS, in 2013, New York State made history by becoming the first state in the nation to designate the entire month of June to the issue of gun violence.

WHEREAS, similar resolutions and proclamations were issued in every major city in New York State, including New York City.

WHEREAS, additional activities have taken place, including Everytown for Gun Safety's #WearingOrange day, a national event that encouraged participants to wear orange in support of ending gun violence, and share pictures using the hashtag "#WearingOrange."

WHEREAS, Gun Violence Awareness Month is a time of heightened awareness surrounding the issue of gun violence and safety.

WHEREAS, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has long been an advocate of gun control.

WHEREAS, gun violence remains entirely too common in all of our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Young Democrats of America recognize Gun Violence Awareness Month as part of an important discussion in the effort to get the country to talk about gun violence and support the idea of designating June as Gun Violence Awareness Month nationally