

A Resolution Thanking the Young Democrats of Arizona

Sponsor: Shayna Daitch, YDA Resolutions Committee Chair

WHEREAS, the Young Democrats of America recognize the Young Democrats of Arizona for hosted a beautiful and sunny 2017 YDA Spring National Meeting in Phoenix and,

WHEREAS, Young Democrats of Arizona put together a great welcome reception and the Maricopa County Young Democrats hosted their signature event with special guest Adrian Fontes and,

WHEREAS, from the views of the mountains, to the Desert Botanical Garden, to the Arizona Capitol Museum, to the southwest culture, YDA members got to experience the beauty and history of the Grand Canyon State and,

WHEREAS, Arizona has produced notable politicians like Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, common sense gun law advocate Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, Mo and Stewart Udall as well as current Democratic Representatives Raul Grijalva, Ruben Gallego and Kyrsten Sinema, and

WHEREAS, YDA learned that March Madness does not refer to Donald Trump and House Republicans trying to take away healthcare from 24 million people, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Young Democrats of America thank the Young Democrats Arizona for hosting the 2017 YDA Spring National Meeting in Phoenix and recognize all the hard work of YDAZ President Joseline Mata; the members of the YDAZ Executive Board; Arizona Democratic Party Chair Alexis Tameron; Maricopa County Young Democrats President Michael Martinez; the members of the MCYD Board; as well as the countless others who helped put together this wonderful meeting.

A Resolution Recognizing Women's History Month

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WHEREAS, Women's history month is a time to celebrate the achievements of women but also to reflect on the struggles so many women face and the work being done to advocate for them; and

WHEREAS, over one million women across the world marched on January 21, 2017, to draw attention to the fact that women continue to contribute to social, economic, cultural and political achievements, but remain undervalued and underrepresented; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party and the Young Democrats of America have been on the front lines fighting for equal pay, gender parity, paid family leave, workplace equality, reproductive justice and healthcare, and other progress toward equality for women; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with women in the United States and all around the globe who face discrimination based on their gender, especially when it is compounded with systemic barriers because of racism, xenophobia, disAbility or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the average woman is paid 77 cents for every dollar a man makes, and that figure is much lower for women of color: according the Center for American Progress, in 2016 African American women earn only 63 cents; Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander earned 60 cents, American Indian 58 cents; and Hispanic women only 54 cents for every dollar made by a white man; and

WHEREAS, we continue to fight against the misogynistic attacks on women's rights and access to reproductive healthcare, and

WHEREAS, transgender women are disproportionately more likely to suffer discrimination and violence and need our support, and

WHEREAS, there is much work to be done to eliminate discrimination and violence against all women, so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Young Democrats of America recognize and honor Women's History Month and continue to commit ourselves to fighting for equal rights for women.

A Resolution Thanking Jason Kander of Missouri

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WHEREAS, Jason Kander is a former Missouri State Senator and Secretary of State 2012-2016, and

WHEREAS, Jason ran an admirable campaign to unseat Senator Roy Blunt and gave us one of the greatest campaign ads America has ever seen, and

WHEREAS, Jason penned an inspirational letter immediately after the election, vowing to fight back and inspiring us to do the same, and

WHEREAS, In the days after the 2016 election, Jason founded Let America Vote, an organization working to stop gerrymandering and end voter suppression, and

WHEREAS, Jason Kander's twitter is a constant and hilarious clapback to Donald Trump and the Republican Party, and

WHEREAS, Jason Kander has been a huge supporter of the Young Democrats of America and the Young Democrats of America by coming to our national meeting in Oklahoma City in 2013, our national meeting in St. Louis in 2014, and countless local meetings within the state of Missouri, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Young Democrats of America are grateful for Mr. Kander's leadership and work to make America a better place and we warmly thank him for attending our meeting.

Resolution thanking and honoring William (Pat) Burns IV of Arizona

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Co-Sponsored by Louis Elrod, Jen House, Bridgette Tupes, Michael Corbett, Drew Pollom, and Danielle Glover, and Kristina Fox

WHEREAS, Pat Burns, a graduate of the University of Arizona (bear down!), has been an outstanding leader and model for all Young Democrats for more than 15 years, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns has assisted his local, state and national party with winning campaigns, conventions, organizing, and leadership, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns served as national committeeman and president of the Young Democrats of Arizona, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns served as Young Democrats of America Southwest region director and as YDA Resolutions Chair, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns serves as the First Vice Chair of the Pima County Democratic Party, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns ran for vice president of the Young Democrats of America and showed us his class, determination and loyalty with his continued involvement as a leader in this organization, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns always put YDA and others before himself and was humble about his work, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns fostered the leadership of other state chapters, made the Southwest region a tight knit family, and helped charter chapters in his region, and

WHEREAS, Pat Burns mentored new members, was always welcoming to anyone in the organization, and is considered to be nicest and most well-like person YDA has even seen,

WHEREAS, Pat Burns has always demonstrated the highest ideals of the Democratic Party and represented the Young Democrats with distinction; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Young Democrats of America hereby recognize the lifelong contributions of Pat Burns, thank him profusely for his contributions, and declare him now and forever ever after Honorary Young Democrat for Life.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Young Democrats of America declare today to be "Pat Burns Day."