

## **A Resolution to Welcome Syrian Refugees**

**WHEREAS**, the Syrian Civil War is the most severe humanitarian crisis of our time and has caused 11.6 million people to flee their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has an obligation under international law to welcome and resettle refugees and a moral responsibility as the leading nation of the free world to lead the way in mitigating the humanitarian crisis in Syria; and

**WHEREAS**, the current State Department target number for Syrian Refugees to be resettled in the U.S. is 10,000 which is far fewer than the 31,444 that have already arrived in Canada, the 57,000 already accepted by Germany, and the 88,000 expected to be resettled in Sweden; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has the largest and strongest economy in the world and can handle the resettlement of far more refugees than it currently plans to; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled increase the target number

for Syrian Refugees to be resettled in the United States through the USRP (United States Resettlement Program) from 10,000 to 65,000.

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