

# 2026 Olive Tree International Championship (MS)

## A Resolution Urging Schools to Teach Students About Recycling and the Environment

1. **WHEREAS**, waste and pollution are growing problems that will affect
2. today's children throughout their lifetimes; and
3. **WHEREAS**, teaching children early about recycling and caring for the
4. environment leads to lifelong habits that help the planet; and
5. **WHEREAS**, many elementary schools do not currently include
6. environmental education or recycling instruction in their
7. curriculum; now, therefore, be it
8. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled encourages all public
9. elementary schools to include age-appropriate lessons on
10. recycling and environmental stewardship in their science
11. curriculum; and be it
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Congress urges schools to set up recycling
13. centers in classrooms and cafeterias so students can practice
14. what they have been taught in these programs.
15. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF

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## A Bill to Provide Free Public Transit for Students

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2. **Section 1** All public transit systems receiving federal funding  
3. shall provide free ridership to students enrolled in kindergarten  
4. through twelfth grade during school hours and extracurricular  
5. travel.

6. **Section 2** "Public transit system" means any bus, subway, light  
7. rail, or commuter rail service operated with federal financial  
8. assistance. "School hours" means the period from one hour before  
9. the school day begins to two hours after it ends, Monday through  
10. Friday.

11. **Section 3** The Department of Transportation shall enforce this  
12. legislation. The Department shall issue compliance rules within  
13. 150 days of passage. Transit agencies not in compliance shall be  
14. ineligible for new federal Capital Investment Grant funding. A  
15. sum of \$800 million shall be appropriated annually to reimburse  
16. transit agencies for lost fare revenue.

17. **Section 4** This legislation will take effect on September 1, 2027.

18. **Section 5** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby  
19. declared null and void.

20. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF

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## A Resolution Urging the Adoption of Ranked-Choice Voting in Federal Elections

1. **WHEREAS**, Many federal candidates currently win office without
2. securing a majority of votes cast; and
3. **WHEREAS**, Ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank candidates in
4. order of preference, ensuring that winners reflect majority
5. support; and
6. **WHEREAS**, Jurisdictions that have adopted ranked-choice voting
7. report reduced negative campaigning and increased voter
8. satisfaction; and
9. **WHEREAS**, A more representative electoral process strengthens public
10. confidence in government; now, therefore, be it
11. **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled urges the several
12. states to adopt ranked-choice voting for elections to the United
13. States House of Representatives and Senate; and be it
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Congress encourages the Election
15. Assistance Commission to provide guidance and technical support
16. to states transitioning to ranked-choice voting.
17. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF