

A Resolution to Promote Recycling of E-Waste

Respectfully Submitted by Southview High School

1 Whereas, over eighty percent of America's electronic waste goes to China for disposal, and

2 Whereas, each computer contains significant amounts of lead, chromium, cadmium, and

3 mercury, all toxic to humans, and

4 Whereas, Chinese children as young as five take apart electronics that contain possible

5 carcinogens, and

6 Whereas, cities, such as Guiyu, that thrive on disposing e-waste have dioxin rates twenty five

7 times higher than the tolerable limit according to the World Health Organization, and

8 Whereas, the e-waste disposal facilities burn the poisonous chemicals into the air, creating

9 respiratory disease for humans and releasing chemicals that contribute to global warming,

10 and

11 Whereas, China has officially banned the import of electronic waste products since 2000, but

12 lacks the power to stop the United States, and

13 Whereas, the European Union proved successful in eliminating the export of e-waste by

14 making technology manufacturers liable for the cost and physical recycling and disposal

15 of the waste,

16 Therefore, Be It Resolved by this Student Congress that: American technology manufacturers

17 must promote electronic recycling and take responsibility for the disposal of e-waste

18 without exporting it to China or any other nation.