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Texas A&M University

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The Student Senate
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Introduced By: Speaker Scott A. Bowen, Engineering
Sponsored By: Senator Christopher Russo, Engineering
Senator Andrew Forney, Geosciences
Senator Thomas Allen, Off Campus

Action Taken: PASSED
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Religious Expression Protection Amendment
Special Designation: Constitutional Amendment

"An amendment clarifying the right of SGA members to engage in acts of public prayer during meetings and protecting communications."

Whereas(1): Article X, Section II of the SGA Constitution states that "The Student Government Association shall not discriminate against, not give preferential treatment to, any person on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status, prohibiting discrimination based on these factors in any and all forms;" and,

Whereas(2): The Student Senate, and other Student Government organizations and entities, have traditionally opened with an invocation or prayer; and,

Whereas(3): In the interest of preserving religious freedom and the best interest of students who participate in SGA, the above clause of the Constitution should not be construed to prohibit such expressions.
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): That the following sub-section shall be added to Article X, Section II of the Constitution of the Student Government Association:

(a) This Section shall not be construed to prohibit acts of prayer or invocations during meetings of Student Government Association entities, nor shall it be construed to restrict in any way the content of official or unofficial communications from members of the Student Government Association.