



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 71-17

The Student Senate  
71st Session  
Texas A&M University

**Introduced By:** Corbin J. Neumann, Chief Justice of Judicial Court  
Karina Wilson, Rules and Regulations Chair, College of Education and Human Development Caucus  
Tate Banks, Speaker Pro-Tempore, Off-Campus Caucus  
Jacob Brookins, Major Unit Commander, 3rd Brigade '17-18  
Jett Black, On-Campus Caucus  
Ryan Sullivan, Class Councils Assistant Executive Director  
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**Sponsored By:** Jackson Maples, Corps of Cadets Caucus  
Wes Fisher, College of Liberal Arts Caucus  
Olivia Krog, Off-Campus Caucus  
Kyler Palmer, Off-Campus Caucus  
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Lindsey Uhlik, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Caucus  
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Virginia Krog, Mays Business School Caucus  
Suyash Gupta, On-Campus Caucus  
Ryan Carlson, Transition Academic Programs Caucus

Action Taken

PASSED

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Mitch Parker  
Speaker of the Senate

## Support of the Sully Elephant Walk Stop Resolution

*"A resolution recognizing the integral part Lawrence Sullivan Ross played in the growth and history of the Agricultural and Mechanical College (A.M.C.) of Texas"*



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- Whereas(1):** Class Councils chose to exclude the traditional reading of the names of fallen classmates at the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross during the Class of 2019's Elephant Walk; and,
- Whereas(2):** Chancellor Sharp and President Young have publicly expressed support of the statue, saying, "anyone who knows the true history of Lawrence Sullivan Ross would never ask his statue to be removed," and "he saved our school and Prairie View through his consistent advocacy in the face of those who persistently wanted to close us down," respectively; and,
- Whereas(3):** Before Lawrence Sullivan Ross resigned from his position as the Governor of Texas in order to lead a Texas A.M.C. struggling to survive, he oversaw the completion of the state Capitol building and helped write the Constitution of 1876, which remains the current governing document of Texas; and,
- Whereas(4):** Lawrence Sullivan Ross oversaw the beginnings of the Battalion, the Aggie Ring, the Ross Volunteers, the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, the first intercollegiate game against t.u. and took deliberate action to ban all hazing and encourage the instruction of the first woman on campus; and,
- Whereas(5):** Upon his death, Aggies sought to recognize his constant sacrifice for the college by holding the first Silver Taps; and,
- Whereas(6):** The statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross was presented in the center of Academic Plaza in 1918 to honor the immeasurable impact he had on the survival and eventual growth of Texas A.M.C. into a prominent university in the United States.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

- Resolved(1):** The Texas A&M University Student Senate recognizes the statue of Lawrence Sullivan Ross as an integral part of this university's history, traditions, and timeless values; and,



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**Resolved(2):** The Texas A&M University Student Senate expresses support for the future inclusion of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue as a recognized stop during Elephant Walk hosted by Class Councils; and,

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**Resolved(3):** The Texas A&M University Student Senate condemns the decision of Class Councils to exclude the traditional reading of the names of fallen classmates at Sully as being unmindful of the history of Texas A&M University, especially considering Lawrence Sullivan Ross's ties to Silver Taps; and,

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**Resolved(4):** The Texas A&M University Student Senate encourages those involved in planning and executing future Elephant Walks to re-evaluate the route and include the oldest statue on campus, Lawrence Sullivan Ross, and attempt to find solutions to any logistical issues that may prevent the visit.

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**Resolved(5):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Texas A&M University Board of Regents  
Chancellor John S. Sharp  
President Michael K. Young  
Andrea Flores, Class of 2019 President  
Julia Tisch, Director of Elephant Walk  
Patrick Hernandez, Class of 2020 President  
Jake Traylor, Class of 2021 President  
Danny Bermea, Class of 2022 Head Director  
Kenneth Johnson, Advisor to Class Councils  
General Joe Ramirez, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets  
Adam Buckley, Corps of Cadets Commander  
The Battalion  
The Eagle  
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