

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 70-06

The Student Senate
70th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Chair Katina Economides, Legislative Affairs, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Jillian Haug, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: Senator Jerry Ramirez, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Connor Hull, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Evan Diamantaras, Off-Campus Caucus
Senator Gilbert Reboloso, On-Campus Caucus
Senator Margo Warncke, College of Liberal Arts Caucus
Senator Kaylyn Roberts, College of Liberal Arts Caucus

Action Taken

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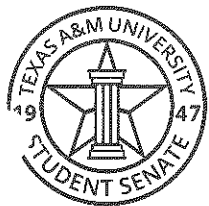
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Speaker of the Senate

Title IX: We Honor Our Survivors Resolution

"A resolution showing support for our campus' sexual assault survivors"

- Whereas(1):** On September 7, 2017 Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced plans to replace sexual assault guidelines put in place by the previous administration; and,
- Whereas(2):** The rolling back of Title IX guidelines would make it more difficult for survivors to report their assault; and,
- Whereas(3):** Title IX can be more formally referred to as the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and can be defined as a Federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, school districts, colleges, and universities receiving any Federal funds must comply with Title IX. Discrimination can include sexual harassment or sexual violence, such as rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, and sexual coercion.

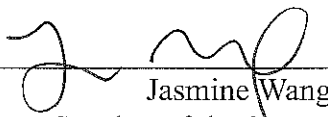


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Whereas(4): Secretary DeVos announced that the department plans to put in place a more effective means of reporting to allow those accused a fair due process; and,

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Whereas(5): Doing this would take away the voice of the victim and decrease the amount of sexual assaults reported due to less protection of the victim; and,

Whereas(6): The National Sexual Violence Resource center reports that ninety percent of sexual assault victims in college do not report their assault to the authorities; and,

Whereas(7): Kristen Harrell, the Associate Director at the Office of the Dean of Student Life, said that the number of sexual assault reports Texas A&M receives is approximately 36 to 100 annually.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The Texas A&M University Student Senate stands behind our survivors and works to ensure their safety; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): Texas A&M Student Senate and appropriate members of the Student Government Association will continue to monitor the situation; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate will make plans to act accordingly once more information is released; and,

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Further

Resolved(4): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

The Battalion

Michael O'Quinn, Texas A&M Vice President of Government Relations

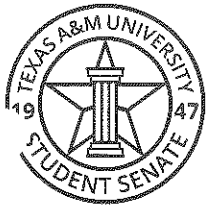
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Texas A&M Vice President of Student Affairs

Congressman Brett Guthrie, 2nd Congressional District of Kentucky

Congressman John Culberson, 7th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Bill Flores, 17th Congressional District of Texas

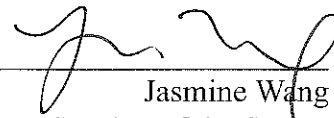
Congressman Will Hurd, 23rd Congressional District of Texas



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