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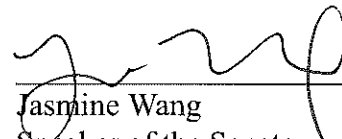
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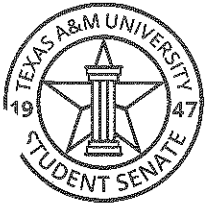
Harvey's Heroes Resolution

"A resolution acknowledging those that prepared and protected the public in the wake of an unprecedented event"

Whereas(1): On the night of August 25th, Hurricane Harvey made landfall as a major Category 4 storm carrying winds of up to 130 miles per hour, soon thereafter the system stalled and brought catastrophic record-breaking flooding to the greater Houston and southeast Texas area for about 5 days; and,

Whereas(2): Even before the storm was named, meteorologists payed close attention on Harvey's possible track and predicted impacts. Similarly, authorities planned for possible problems that were expected and coordinated plans for response; and,

Whereas(3): During the storm, people like Houston's mayor Sylvester Turner, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, City of Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo and many other officials and managers spent countless hours managing and coordinating situations that were presented during the historic flooding; and,

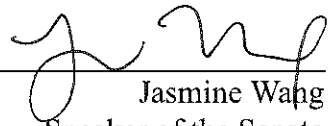


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Whereas(4): Local broadcast networks had consecutive day and night coverage in order to

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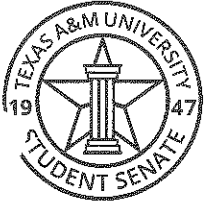

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inform the public, even after some reporters, anchors and workers lost their homes and faced the very disaster they were covering. A Houston news station even faced flooding in their building but did not see that as a deterrent for keeping the public informed. Some reporters went beyond their duties and helped in the rescue effort. These stations kept an eye on the communities as they recovered, and try to recover after Harvey's impacts; and,

Whereas(5): Meteorologists served as the informers before and during the storm, through them, various decisions were made in order to keep the public safe and prepared. Even when this unprecedented event happened meteorologists gave their absolute best input and efforts. Meteorologists in the broadcast, and public sector like in the National Weather Service presented forecasts in a timely manner. Aggie meteorologists like Travis Herzog '04, Shel Winkley '07 and Jeff Lindner '04 saw it as their duty to keep the public informed and calm with the latest weather details through, broadcast, social media or even both. After many people noticed that Jeff Lindner (Meteorologist at the Harris County Flood Control District) seemed to answer the public's questions through social media while managing his job, and informing the public through local networks, non-stop they decided to fund a vacation for him, however he embodied the Aggie Core Value of Selfless Service and instead decided to offer that money to the people affected by Hurricane Harvey. All meteorologists informed and served the public in countless ways; and,

Whereas(6): Many people helped in any way they could; like first responders who were always ready and gave everything when helping out the city they live in. People from Texas, the U.S. and all over the world who sent food and donations for the ones that needed it the most. And friends and neighbors who may have lost something valuable to them, but decided to show that the unity of Houston and Texas was much more stronger than the any storm or hardship imaginable; and,

Whereas(7): People that were aforementioned or served in any way to recover and showed that we are Houston and Texas Strong, deserve to be called heroes, Harvey's Heroes.



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Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The Texas A&M University Student Senate gives thanks to first responders, emergency managers, elected officials, and our friends and neighbors for showing their best qualities and helping out before, during, and after Harvey's treacherous path; and,

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Further

Resolved(2): The Texas A&M University Student Senate recognizes the efforts of local meteorologists in the public and broadcasting sector for providing valuable information for decision making, preparedness actions and recovery efforts; and,

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Resolved(3): The Texas A&M University Student Senate gives special recognition and thanks to our very own fellow Aggies who gave their absolute best efforts and embodied the Aggie Core Values of selfless service, leadership and excellence during a historic storm, to them we say the loudest and proudest WHOOP!; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(4): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Jeff Lindner, Meteorologist- Harris County Flood Control District
Travis Herzog, Meteorologist- KTRK
Shel Winkley, Meteorologist- KBTX
Scott Overpeck, Meteorologist- National Weather Service, Houston-Galveston
City of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner
Harris County Judge Ed Emmett
The Battalion