

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 70-09

**The Student Senate
70th Session
Texas A&M University**


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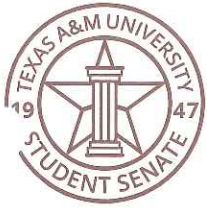

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Support For Texas A&M Dreamer Students Resolution

"A resolution supporting Texas A&M University students who are Dreamers"

Whereas(1): The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was implemented in 2012 in an attempt to provide temporary relief from deportation and a two-year work permit, which is subject for renewal at the end of that period to qualify undocumented young adults who were brought to the U.S. as children; and,

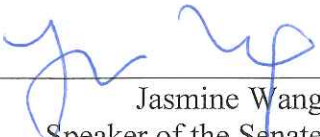
Whereas(2): To qualify for DACA, applicants must have met the following requirements: were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012; came to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday; have continuously resided in the United States since June 15,



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2007, up to present time; were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making the request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS; had no lawful status on June 15, 2012; are currently in school, have graduated, or obtained a certificate of completion high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety; and,

Whereas(3): There are approximately 800,000 DACA recipients in the United States; and,

Whereas(4): Texas has the second highest total DACA-eligible population in the country with 271,000 individuals; and,

Whereas(5): According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the data as of March 21, 2017 shows that in Texas, a total of 257,997 applications were accepted and 234,350 applications were approved; and,

Whereas(6): The DACA program has helped many students pursue higher education, remain in school, and continue on the journey towards creating a better life for themselves and their families; and,

Whereas(7): As of September 5, 2017, the current administration dismantled the DACA program, which could lead to hundreds of thousands of dreamers to lose their lawful presence and work authorization in the United States; and,

Whereas(8): Dreamers here at Texas A&M University are a community who may encounter an unpredictable future; and,

Whereas(9): Dreamers are not eligible for federal financial aid and the program is not a pathway for citizenship; and,

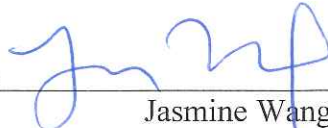
Whereas(10): Texas A&M University has a committed statement stating, "Texas A&M is



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committed to the fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity and human dignity. To fulfill its multiple missions as an institution of higher learning, Texas A&M encourages a climate that values and nurtures collegiality, diversity, pluralism and the uniqueness of the individual within our state, nation and world.”; and,

Whereas(11): Texas A&M has admitted degree-seeking undocumented and dreamers; and,

Whereas(12): We are all part of the Aggie family, regardless of documentation status; and,

Whereas(13): President Michael K. Young of Texas A&M University has publicly expressed hopes that the United States Congress will find a solution to ensure the pursuit of the American dream of education, employment, and tangible contributions to our society for DACA recipients.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): That the Texas A&M Student Senate acknowledges, and supports Dreamers on our campus; and,

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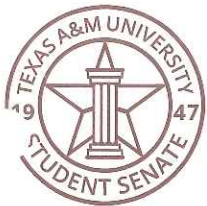
Let it be

Resolved(2): That the Texas A&M Student Senate recommends that Texas A&M University works within its means to protect the tuition residency status of Dreamers campuswide, and to continue to offer in-state tuition rates to those Dreamers that were previously qualified for such rates; and,

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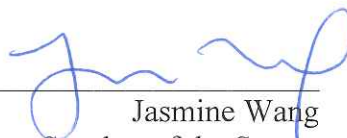
Resolved(3): That the Texas A&M Student Senate, on behalf of the students of Texas A&M University, do not support discrimination against students with different documentation status; and,



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Therefore
Let it be

Resolved(4): That the Texas A&M Student Senate recommends that Texas A&M University protects undocumented students from immigration officials on campus to the extent allowed by law; and,

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Resolved(5): That this resolution be published onto all Texas A&M Student Senate social media handles; and,

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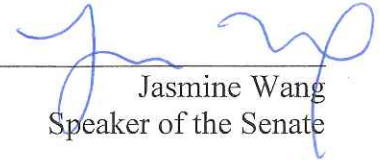
Resolved(6): That the Texas A&M Student Senate recommends that Texas A&M University stand with the University of Texas System and over 600 other institutions of higher education across the nation to formally and publically support undocumented and dreamer students.



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Therefore

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Resolved (6): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Michael K. Young, President, Texas A&M University

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

United States Senator John Cornyn, Senate Majority Whip

United States Senator Ted Cruz

Congressman Paul Ryan, 1st Congressional District of Wisconsin, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Louie Gohmert Jr., 1st Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Ted Poe, 2nd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Sam Johnson, 3rd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman John Ratcliffe, 4th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Jeb Hensarling, 5th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Joe Barton, 6th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman John Culberson, 7th Congressional District of Texas

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Congressman Vicente Gonzalez, 15th Congressional District of Texas

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, 18th Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Jodey Arrington, 19th Congressional District of Texas

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Congressman Lamar Smith, 21st Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Pete Olson, 22nd Congressional District of Texas

Congressman Will Hurd, 23rd Congressional District of Texas

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Congressman Roger Williams, 25th Congressional District of Texas

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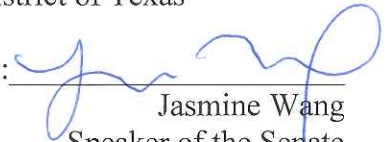


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Congresswoman Eddie Johnson, 30th Congressional District of Texas

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Congressman Pete Sessions, 32nd Congressional District of Texas
Congressman Marc Veasey, 33rd Congressional District of Texas
Congressman Filemon Vela, 34th Congressional District of Texas
Congressman Lloyd Doggett, 35th Congressional District of Texas
Congressman Brian Babin, 36th Congressional District of Texas
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Eli Jones, Dean of the Mays Business School
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Joyce M. Alexander, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development
M. Katherine Bank, Dean of the Dwight E. Look College of Engineering
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Pamela R. Matthews, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
Sharon Wilkerson, Dean of the College of Nursing
Jay Maddock, Dean of the School of Public Health
Meigan Aronson, Dean of the College of Science
Eleanor M. Green, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
General Joe E. Ramirez, Commandant of the School of Military Science
The Battalion
Michelle Hoang, Director of Communications