



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 70-32

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


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Action Taken _____

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Jasmine Wang
Speaker of the Senate

Recognizing Arab American Heritage Month Resolution

"A resolution to recognize Aggie Arab American Students and Faculty"

Whereas(1): The 115th U.S. Congress recognized April 2017 as Arab American Heritage month; and,



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Whereas(2): President George H. W. Bush recognized National Arab-American Day as far back as October 1989; and,

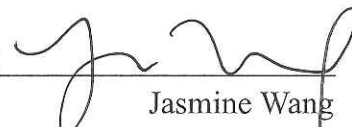
Whereas(3): The Halbouty Geosciences Building is named in honor of Michel T. Halbouty, an Aggie Arab American; and,

Whereas(4): The Multicultural Services Department at Texas A&M University recognizes only four heritage months: Asian-Pacific American, Black, Hispanic, and Native American/Alaskan; and,

Whereas(5): The state of Texas ranks 4th among the 50 states in regards to the population of Arab Americans; and,

Whereas(6): Arab-American students often lack official recognition of their identities and existence on campus, having to identify as Caucasian; and,

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Whereas(7): The International Studies Department at Texas A&M offers Arabic language classes, Model Arab League, and study abroad opportunities in Arab countries; and,

Whereas(8): Welcoming students from different races and ethnic groups is part of Texas A&M's mission statement.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 70th session of the Texas A&M University Student Senate officially recognizes April to be Arab American Heritage Month; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): The 70th session of the Texas A&M University Student Senate extends support to Texas A&M organizations that promote Arab culture and diversity such as Arab Student Association, Arabic Club, and International Student Association; and,



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Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M University Student Senate celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of Arab and Arab-American Aggies on this campus.

Let it be

Further

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

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

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

Dr. Tonya Driver, Director of Department of Multicultural Services, Texas A&M University

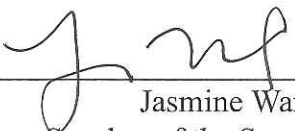
Dr. Christine Stanley, Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity, Texas A&M University

Dr. Salah Ayari, Director of Language Instruction, Texas A&M University
The Battalion

Mayada Ramez, Arab Student Association President

Seleste Garcia-Salamanca, Arabic Club President

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