

# **The Student Senate**

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#### The Student Senate 66th Session Texas A&M University

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Senator Chris Woolsey, Off Campus

**Action Taken** 

Certified By:

Christopher W. Russo Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:** 

T. Reid Joseph

Student Body President

### The Student Support for Texas A&M University at Nazareth—Peace Campus Bill

"A bill supporting the creation of a Texas A&M University branch campus in Israel"

- Whereas (1): On October 23, 2013, Governor Rick Perry and Texas A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp announced an agreement with Israeli President Shimon Peres to create a Texas A&M University branch in Nazareth, Israel; and,
- Whereas (2): A Texas A&M University branch in Israel will further extend the international reach and image of the Texas A&M University system; and,
- Whereas (3): The Texas A&M University System will have the honor of being the first American University to open a "branch campus" in Israel's history; and,
- Whereas (4): An additional branch to the Texas A&M University System benefits not only local educational opportunities, but international opportunities as well; and,



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**Further Certified By:** 

Christopher Russo Speaker of the Senate

Whereas (5): The stated intention of this campus to foster peace amongst the Jewish and Arab populations in Israel, as well as with international students, is a benefit to the Texas A&M University System and the greater international community.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted (1): That the Texas A&M University Student Senate, on behalf of the student body at

Texas A&M, is in full support of a branch campus in Israel; and,

Let it be

**Further** 

Enacted (2): That the Texas A&M University Student Senate, on behalf of the student body at

Texas A&M, advocates that students attending Texas A&M University at Nazareth—Peace Campus possess all rights and privileges enjoyed by all Aggies

attending the College Station and other branch campuses; and,

Let it be

**Further** 

Enacted (3): That the Texas A&M University Student Senate, on behalf of the student body at

Texas A&M, encourages bringing together both Arab and Jewish students in the

nation of Israel under the common theme of educational advancement; and,

Let it be

**Further** 

Enacted (4): That the Texas A&M University Student Senate, on behalf of the student body at

Texas A&M, supports the creation of study abroad programs from the main College Station campus to the Nazareth branch campus in Israel; and,

Let it be

**Further** 

**Enacted (5):** That a copy of this bill shall be sent to:

- Mr. John Sharp, Chancellor, A&M System
- The members of the Texas A&M Board of Regents
- Governor Rick Perry, Governor of Texas
- Senator Kel Seliger, Texas Senate Higher Education Chairman
- Texas A&M Study Abroad Programs Office
- Texas A&M International Advisory Board