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Texas A&M University

S.R. 66-12

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66th Session
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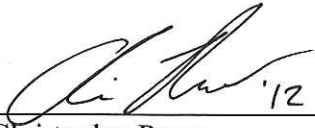
Introduced By: Esteban Garcia, Venezuelan Students Association
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Sponsored By: Finance Chair Cary Cheshire, Liberal Arts

Action Taken _____

PASSED

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 '12 4/9/14
Christopher Russo
Speaker of the Senate

The Support of Human Rights in Venezuela

"A Resolution declaring the support for human rights in Venezuela."


Whereas(1): There have been concerning events in Venezuela, characterized by protests expressing deep social and economic discontent, carried upon by civic and student population alike; and

Whereas(2): In the past few years, Venezuela has been experiencing high poverty, high crime rate, with an estimate of more than 25,000 homicides in 2013, and a deficit of resources for its citizens; and,



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Whereas(3): In the last five weeks, civilian citizens who have been peacefully protesting against the Venezuela Government have experienced violent aggressions, resulting in more than 30 deaths and more than 150 people injured; and,

Whereas(4): Many university students and university student groups have been present in these events; and,

Whereas(5): In the last two weeks, the Venezuelan government has curtailed media coverage and communication about the crisis, including but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook, and TV news outlets; and,

Whereas(6): Friends and family of students at Texas A&M University, and especially international students from Venezuela, have been affected negatively by the undemocratic curtailing of human freedom in Venezuela; and,

Whereas(7): It is the moral obligation of those who enjoy freedom to speak up for those who have theirs jeopardized by a tyrannical government.

**Therefore
let it be**

Resolved (1): That Student Senate of Texas A&M University, the official voice of the student body, supports a peaceful end to the clashes and restoration of an environment conducive to learning in Venezuela; and,



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Further

Resolved (2): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University, the official voice of the student body, supports those who stand for liberty, freedom, and human rights in Venezuela and across the globe; and,

Let it be
Further

Resolved (3): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M supports the efforts of other registered student organizations at Texas A&M University who stand in support of reforming the current government of Venezuela to that of a Western democracy that supports the same kind of values afforded to American citizens; and,

Let it be
Further

Resolved (4): That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following persons upon passage:

- Senator Ted Cruz
- Senator John Cornyn
- United States Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power
- Mark Hussey, President of Texas A&M University
- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro