



# The Student Senate

## Texas A&M University

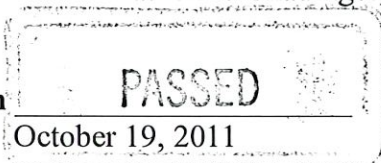
S.B. 64-24

The Student Senate  
64th Session  
Texas A&M University

**Introduced By:** Brian McDonald – Residence Hall Association, President

**Sponsored By:** Jonathan Spencer, Engineering Caucus  
Omar Ghannoum, Engineering Caucus  
Katherine Gnadinger, University Apartments

**Action Taken**



**Certified By:**

Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:**

  
Jeff Pickering  
Student Body President  
8-25-11

### The Legett Basement Restoration Bill

*"A bill to restore the basement of K.K. Legett Hall for student use."*

**Whereas(1):** K.K. Legett Hall is the oldest residence hall at Texas A&M University, having been built in 1911, just 35 years after Texas A&M opened its doors; and,

**Whereas(2):** The basement of Legett Hall was historically used as living and recreational space by the residents of Legett Hall; and,

**Whereas(3):** In 2001, the Department of Residence Life renovated the basement floor and began using it for office space; and,

**Whereas(4):** Starting in 2008, the basement space was used by the College of Liberal Arts to house the Women and Gender Studies Department; and,

**Whereas(5):** The on-campus community has lost six (6) residence halls, totaling 1,114 residents since the most recent residence hall expansion; and,



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**Whereas(6):** Texas A&M University enrollment at College Station has grown from 40,492 in 1989 to over 49,861 in 2011; and,

**Whereas(7):** Due to the increase in enrollment and the decrease of available housing, the percent of students living on-campus has fallen from roughly 21% to 17%; and,

**Whereas(8):** This decrease in available housing has forced the Department of Residence Life to turn away an estimated 500 prospective residents in the fall of 2009 due to lack of space; and,

**Whereas(9):** The basement of Legett Hall has rooms that will allow for approximately fifty (50) more students to live on campus; and,

**Whereas(10):** The basement of Legett Hall meets the accessibility standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and,

**Whereas(11):** Legett Hall is the most requested hall in its price range, has one of the highest retention rates of all on-campus halls, and its residents have one of the highest GPR averages of on-campus residence halls; and,

**Whereas(12):** Legett Hall has a tradition of developing successful students who give back to the on-campus community and Texas A&M; and,

**Whereas(13):** Allowing Legett Hall residents and the Department of Residence Life to regain use of the basement of Legett Hall for student living and study/programming space will benefit Legett Hall residents and the entire on-campus community.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** The students of Texas A&M request that the basement of Legett Hall be returned to the use and control of the Department of Residence Life and the residents of Legett Hall; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted(2):** The students of Texas A&M request that the basement once again be used for housing space for students and programming areas for the residents of Legett Hall and the on-campus community; and,



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A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Tanner Wilson".

Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

Let it be

Further

**Enacted(3):** That this bill will be forwarded to the Department of Residence Life, the Department of Student Life, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Liberal Arts, and the Faculty Senate.