Religious Inclusion of the Invocation Act

"An act to represent various religions in the invocation of The Student Senate with the mission of promoting diversity, inclusion, and equality."

Action Taken: passed  
Certified By: Eric Mendoza  
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed:  
Duly Approved: Mikey Jailett  
Student Body President

Introduced By: Samuel Jefferis, College of Engineering

Sponsored By: Clarissa Rodriguez, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, College of Engineering  
Iman Ahmed, On-Campus Caucus  
Collin Tran, Off-Campus Caucus  
Emily Sanchez Flores, Engineering Caucus  
Jocelyn Marrufo, Liberal Arts Caucus  
Hannah Spurr, Constituency Affairs Chair, College of Liberal Arts

Whereas(1): An invocation is required during general meetings under the Student Government Association Code in Article VIII Section IV (d) (1); and,

Whereas(2): Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University Student Government Association are not a religious entities; and,
Whereas(3): Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University Student Government Association does not endorse nor advocate a particular religious belief, and,

Whereas(4): The Texas A&M University Student Senate aims to represent all students in order to enhance the Texas A&M experience within our university and communities through research, legislation, and advocacy in accordance with the core values of our institution; and,

Whereas(5): A single religious representation does not portray Texas A&M University and the Texas A&M University Student Government as a whole.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): Let Article III, Section III.a.9. Be amended to read:
“(4) Diversity and Inclusion Chair
The Diversity and Inclusion Chair shall:
(i) Preside over the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The Diversity and Inclusion Chair is responsible for facilitating ideas for the members of the committee concerning all policies relating to diversity and inclusion affecting all Texas A&M Students.
(ii) Disseminate all necessary information to members of their committee and to all Senators
(iii) Hold regular meetings with members of the committee
(iv) Enforce the committee absence policy
(v) Arrange for individuals from various faiths, religions, or none at all to present the invocation at all General Assembly Meetings”; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(2): A copy of this bill be sent to:

Clarissa Rodriguez, Diversity and Inclusion Chair
Evan Berger, Rules and Regulations Chair
Dr. Robin Means Coleman, Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity