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Texas A&M University

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72nd Session

Stand with Hong Kong Resolution

"A resolution recognizing the efforts of the pro-democracy student activists in Hong Kong"

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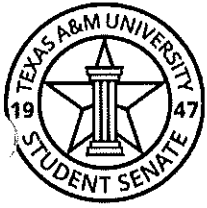
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Whereas(1): On March 31, 2019, the people of Hong Kong started a peaceful protest against the introduction of an Extradition Law Amendment that allows fugitives in Hong Kong to be extradited to Mainland China and subjected to the People's Republic of China's legal system; and,



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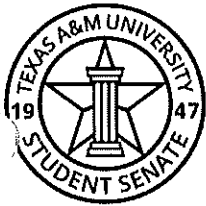
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- Whereas(2):** Many of the protestors are college students and young adults, they were concerned that residents of Hong Kong and visitors can be unfairly subjected to the untransparent legal system in China, and thus undermining the judicial independence that Hong Kong currently possesses; and,
- Whereas(3):** While the Extradition Law Amendment has been retracted, both large and small scale pro-democracy protests are still occurring at the time of writing. These protests are against police brutality, the untransparent processes of the Executive Council of Hong Kong, and Beijing's involvement in Hong Kong's internal matters; and,
- Whereas(4):** The Hong Kong police, under the authorization of the Executive Council of Hong Kong, has utilized excessive retaliatory force on the peaceful protestors. Over 2000 protestors were injured and 2379 were arrested as of October 2019; and,
- Whereas(5):** The Hong Kong police force allegedly worked with gangs and physically assaulted protestors. There have been allegations of police officers sexually assaulting detained female protestors, and several cases of student deaths were hastily concluded as suicides and left uninvestigated; and,
- Whereas(6):** The Chinese government often encouraged Chinese students abroad to report "unpatriotic" speeches made by other Chinese students, and even to threaten students from Taiwan and Hong Kong that participate in events seen as pro-separatism.

Therefore

Let it be

- Resolved(1):** The Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes the importance of having the freedom of speech and expression without the fear of retaliation and censorship. Therefore, the Texas A&M Student Senate condemns any influence and intimidation tactics the Chinese government attempts to exert on American college campuses; and,



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Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate sees freedom and democracy not only as American values, but rather, unalienable rights that should be enjoyed by everyone on this Earth; and,

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Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate commends the courage and perseverance shown by the student activists in Hong Kong who risked their lives to fight for freedom; and,

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Further

Resolved(4): The Texas A&M Student Senate condemns all forms of police brutality against people exercising their rights to speech, assembly, and protest; and

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Further

Resolved(5): The Texas A&M Student Senate supports the pro-democracy efforts by the student activists in Hong Kong and recognizes their courageous activism as a form of selfless service, a core value of Texas A&M University.

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Resolved(6): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

President Michael K. Young

The Battalion

Dr. Means-Coleman

Texas A&M Amnesty International



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