Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
72nd Session

Latinx Graduation Ceremony Resolution

"A resolution stating that the Texas A&M Student Senate supports the second annual Latinx Graduation Ceremony"

Action Taken: **PASSED**

Certified By: 

[Signature]
Eric Mendoza
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 1/22/2020

Introduced By:
Edgar Rivera, Chair of Council for Minority Student Affairs, Off Campus Caucus
Edward Rodriguez, Latinx Community and Advocacy Association
Vita Tijerina, Chair of Mexican Student Association
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Whereas(1): Part of Texas A&M University’s mission statement is to welcome and serve persons of all racial, ethnic and geographical groups; and,

Whereas(2): The 71st Session of the Texas A&M Student Senate voted to pass a resolution supporting the inaugural Latinx Graduation Ceremony; and,
Whereas(3): As of Fall 2019, Hispanic undergraduate enrollment was a record of 13,147 and roughly 24.5 percent of total undergraduate enrollment, moving Texas A&M closer to the 25 percent threshold to be designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution; and,

Whereas(4): Hispanic students currently make up around 21.94 percent of the student body adding up to 15,238 students; and,

Whereas(5): Peer universities such as Harvard, UC Berkeley, Ohio State and the University of Texas host annual Latinx graduation ceremonies to recognize the accomplishments of Latina/o graduates; and,

Therefore
Let it be
Resolved(1): The Texas A&M Student Senate supports and encourages the second annual Latinx Graduation Ceremony taking place on May 5th; and,

Let it be
Further
Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate calls upon administration to support this program to ensure the success of this ceremony and future ones; and,

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Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes these underrepresented student experiences and the need for a space for them to reflect on their accomplishments and celebrate this success within their familial and cultural context; and,
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Resolved(4):

A copy of this resolution be sent to:
President Michael K. Young, Texas A&M University
Dr. Carol A. Fierke, Provost and Executive Vice President, Texas
A&M University
Dr. Daniel J Pugh. Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M
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