S.R. 73-02

Texas A&M University The Student Senate 73rd Session

Aggies Facing Financial Hardship Resolution

"A resolution in support of students of Texas A&M University that have fallen on financial hardship due to the outbreak of COVID-19."

Action Taken: Fassed

Certified By: June 1

Zachary McCue Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 4-29- W

Introduced By:

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Joshua Feldman, Legislative Relations Chair, Off-Campus Caucus

Tyler Smith, COALS Caucus Jack Merritt, On Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the past five weeks, jobless claims in

America have increased by 26 million; and,1

Whereas(2): Since March, jobless claims in the state of Texas have increased by 1.3 million;

and,2

Whereas(3): Current students and their families may be struggling to pay tuition, rent, and

other bills due to this growing economic crisis; and,

https://www.businessinsider.com/economists-say-jobless-claims-surge-million-weeks-unemployment-insurance-commentary-2020-4

²https://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/bizfeed/article/Texans-jobless-claims-increase-by-280-000-as-152210 74.php

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Whereas(4): In response to the financial hardships caused by the impact of COVID-19, the Texas A&M Foundation is directing the Texas A&M University Disaster Relief Fund to aid Aggie students and employees who are struggling to find alternative housing, facing food insecurity, or lost wages.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 73rd session of the Student Senate stands in support of all Aggies who are struggling with financial hardship due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and,

Let it be **Further**

Resolved(2): The 73rd Session of Student Senate extends tremendous gratitude to the generous donors of the Texas A&M COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): The 73rd Session of Student Senate encourages Aggies to use resources provided to the student body by the Texas A&M Disaster Relief Fund (financialaid.tamu.edu/Emergency-Aid), which includes financial aid packages, short term loans, Emergency Tuition and Fees loans, information on food pantries, connection to government assistance, and general information on student assistance; and encourages any questions to be directed to the Office of Financial Aid.

Let it be **Further**

Resolved(4): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Tyson Voelkel, President of Texas A&M Foundation Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs

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