

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 73-12

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The Student Senate
73rd Session

Thank You for Supporting Higher Education Resolution

"A thank you to the Texas Delegation and the United States Congress for supporting higher education"

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:

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Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

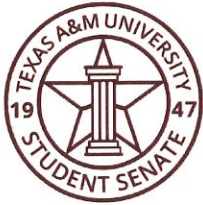
Date Passed: July 8th, 2020

Introduced By: Joshua Eric Feldman, Legislative Relations Chair, Off Campus Caucus

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Whereas(1): In March 2020, Aggies and students across the United States watched as the world around them effectively shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic caused by SARS-CoV-2; and,

Whereas(2): In an effort to adhere to Federal and State social distancing guidelines, and with the intention to protect the faculty, students, staff, as well as the surrounding community, Texas A&M University and other institutions of higher learning across the United States made the extremely difficult decision to shift to an online format; and,



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Whereas(3): While the transition to virtual courses may have protected the health of affected parties, the economic burden produced by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent shutdowns had; and continues to, relegate many families into an uncertain economic future; and,

Whereas(4): The United States Congress acknowledged the economic uncertainty for students and passed numerous provisions, guidelines, and demonstrated support to higher education and research institutions; and,

Whereas(5): Through their support, Texas A&M received \$19,908,222 in financial assistance through the CARES Act, of which \$10,739,806 was made directly available to current students, with a portion of the total received funds being set aside to assist with costs students may incur this fall,

Whereas (6): In addition, a safer environment for returning Texas A&M students this Fall has been realized through online options for students, dedicated sanitization efforts, research opportunities, plexiglass installations in key areas around campus, and the installation of cameras in classrooms due to federal and state support to ensure the safest possible environment for students.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The Texas A&M Student Senate would like to express our deepest gratitude to the United States Congress, and specifically, the Texas Congressional Delegation for their support of higher education and Texas A&M; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): We acknowledge and understand the immense pressure that the current epidemic has; and will continue to have, on our public officials, and thank them for their time and dedication in serving our country; and,

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Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate further acknowledge that there are a plethora of other issues that the United States Congress has addressed; and will continue to address, in regards to funding during the COVID-19 Epidemic; and,



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Further

Resolved(4): We encourage, and would be extremely grateful, for further assistance from the United States Congress to ensure higher education remains the standard for American exceptionalism in the future, and throughout these extremely difficult times.

Let it be

Further

Resolved(5): A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Chancellor John Sharp

President Michael K. Young

Michael G. O'Quinn, Vice President for Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs

Michael J. Hardy, Assistant Vice President for Government Relations

The Texas Congressional Delegation

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