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Texas A&M University

S.R. 73-18

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73rd Session

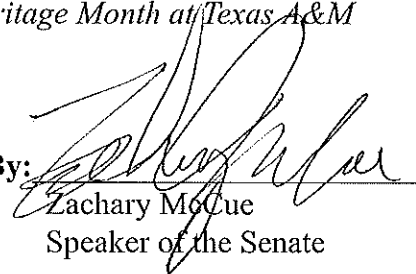
Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution

"A resolution recognizing the importance of Hispanic Heritage Month at Texas A&M University."

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:


Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

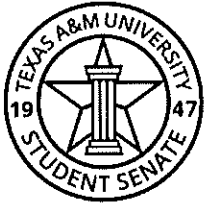
Date Passed: September 2nd, 2020

Introduced By: Iman Ahmed, Diversity & Inclusion Chair, Off Campus Caucus
Collin Tran, Health Science Center Caucus
David Garcia, Off Campus Caucus
Victor Ferro, Engineering Caucus
Rachel Hutto, Off Campus Caucus
Dang Dang, Off - Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: Alexia Hernandez, Liberal Arts Caucus
Sofia Chunga Pizarro, Off-Campus Caucus
Megha Viswanath, Off-Campus Caucus
Brendan Ramirez, College of Education Caucus

Whereas(1): In 1968, a proclamation was issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson stating that the week of September 15th and 16th would be National Hispanic Heritage Week which would celebrate Hispanic Americans and the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American Countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico; and,


Whereas(2): In 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded this week to a 30-day period starting on September 15th and ending on October 15th, which is now officially known as Hispanic Heritage Month; and,



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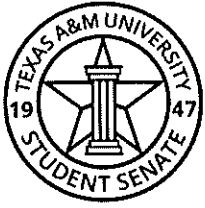
- Whereas(3):** The month of September now commemorates and observes all histories, cultures and contributions of American Citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and,
- Whereas(4):** With the Hispanic population of students at Texas A&M University at 21.94% (15,238 students) as of Fall 2019¹, Texas A&M University is well on it's way of becoming an HSI, Hispanic Serving Institution²; and,
- Whereas(5):** Within the Texas A&M University System, four schools have already obtained the status as Hispanic-serving institutions including Texas A&M University San Antonio, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and Texas A&M International University³; and,
- Whereas(6):** The earliest known Hispanic graduate of Texas A&M University was José Angel Ortís, Class of 1891, who graduated with a degree in civil engineering⁴; and,
- Whereas(7):** The first touchdown scored by an Aggie football team was scored on November 22, 1894 by N. Valdez '1897 from Hidalgo, Mexico in a 14-0 victory over Galveston⁴; and,
- Whereas(8):** In 1969, Héctor Gutiérrez, Jr., native of Laredo, was Texas A&M's first Hispanic Corps Commander⁴; and,
- Whereas(9):** In 1969, Mary Catherine (Cantu) Custer was the earliest known Hispanic woman to graduate from Texas A&M University, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry⁴; and,
- Whereas(10):** In 1994, Guadalupe L. Rangel became the first Hispanic woman appointed to the Board of Regents⁴; and,

¹ <https://accountability.tamu.edu/All-Metrics/Mixed-Metrics/Student-Demographics>

² <https://today.tamu.edu/2018/10/08/texas-am-shows-1-1-percent-enrollment-increase-for-fall-2018-moves-closer-to-hsi-designation/>

³ https://www.hacu.net/assnfc/CompanyDirectory.asp?STYLE=2&COMPANY_TYPE=1%2C5#Texas

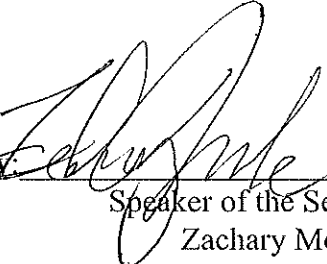
⁴ <https://diversity.tamu.edu/VPDiversity/media/library/inclusion/docs/Diversity-Timeline-FINAL-11-1-2013.pdf>



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Whereas(10): In 2003, the Texas A&M University Hispanic Network (TAMHN) was created to support and advocate for the Hispanic community within the Association of Former Students₄; and,

Whereas(11): In 2008, Elsa E. Murano becomes the first Hispanic and first woman to serve as the President of Texas A&M University₄; and,

Whereas(12): In 2010, General Joe E. Ramirez Jr., class of 1979, became the commandant of the Corps of Cadets, becoming the first Hispanic male to hold the position₄; and,

Whereas(13): In May 2019, the first Latinx Graduation Ceremony was held and in June of 2019, and the Latinx Graduation Coalition was created₅; and,

Whereas(14): During the Spring election of 2020, Guillermo “Memo” Salinas was elected as the first Hispanic Junior Yell Leader₆

Whereas(15): In the Spring election of 2020, Eric Mendoza was elected as the first hispanic Student Body President of Texas A&M University.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): The 73rd Session of the Texas A&M University Student Senate officially recognizes September 15th-October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(2): For the Texas A&M University Student Senate to extend a warm gratitude to the Hispanic former students⁷ and their families -- Pablo Marvin ‘66, Monica Cuellar Menzel ‘93, Dr. Manuel Piña ‘67, Dr. Rebecca Robles-Piña ‘75 -- for their continuous support to the university; and,

⁵ <https://www.tamulatinxgrad.com/about>

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<https://today.tamu.edu/2020/04/16/first-hispanic-yell-leader-proud-to-represent-his-community/#:~:text=Guillermo%20Salinas%20%E2%80%9922%2C%20who%20goes%20by%20Memo%2C%20said.but%20across%20the%20country%20and%20world%2C%E2%80%9D%20he%20said>

⁷ TAMHN@aggienetwork.com



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Let it be
Further

Resolved(3): The 73rd Session of the Student Senate extends support to all the Hispanic & Latinx student organizations that are cultivating culture, heritage, and contextual intelligence in thousands of Aggies developing the visionary global leaders of tomorrow and actively leading by example with inclusiveness and integration.

Let it be
Further

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

The Battalion

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

Dr. Robin Means-Coleman, Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity

Dr. Tonya Driver, Director of Department of Multicultural Services

Hispanic Presidents Council

Aggie Destino

Aggieland Mariachi

ALPFA

ALPHA

Ballet Folklórico Celestial

B.E.S.O.

Brazilian Student Association

Colombian Student Association

Council for Minority Student Affairs

Delta Xi Nu

Gamma Alpha Omega

Gamma Phi Omega

Hispanic Studies Association

Lambda Theta Alpha

Lambda Theta Phi

Latino Logradores

Latino Males United

Latinx Community and Advocacy Association

Latinx Graduate Student Association

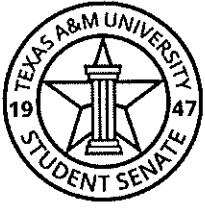
LMSA

Mexican Student Association

MSC CAMAC

MSC SCOLA

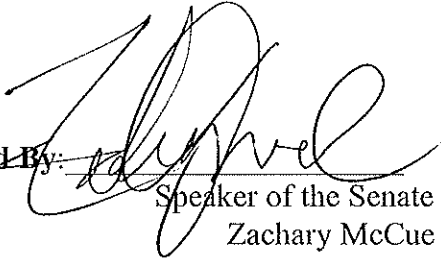
National Hispanic Institute



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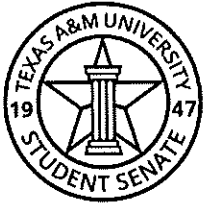
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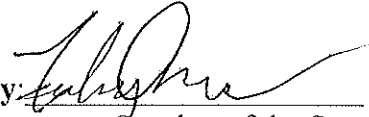
Omega Delta Phi
Phi Iota Alpha
PRSA
SACNAS
Salsa Fusion Latin Dance Company
Sigma Lambda Beta
Sigma Lambda Gamma
Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists
Society of National Hispanic Engineers
TAMU Latinx Graduation
Texas A&M Hispanic Network
Texas Rising
Venezuelan Student Association



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Aariana Myles, Off Campus Caucus

Cole Allen, Mays Caucus

Kieran Tillis, Engineering Caucus

Ximena Reynoso, Liberal Arts Caucus

Dylan Sione, Off Campus Caucus

Joshua Feldman, Legislative Relations Chair, Off Campus Caucus

Paige Wirth, College of Geosciences Caucus

Kat Nino, Off Campus Caucus

Fawaz Syed, Student Services Chair, Engineering Caucus

Jordan Vick, Liberal Arts Caucus

Bryan Marin, Vet Med and Biomedical Sciences Caucus