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## Texas A&M University The Student Senate 73rd Session

## **FUJIFILM Operation Warp Speed Resolution**

"A resolution extending gratitude to the federal government for awarding a contract to FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies in coordination with Texas A&M to produce g COVID-19

vaccine"

Action Taken:

Certified By

Zachary McCue

Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 10 - 14-20

Introduced By: Joseph Balmain Rodger

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Joseph Balmain Rodgers, Off Campus Caucus

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Sponsored By:

Cole Allen, Mays Caucus

Blake Martin, leader of the Liberal Arts Caucus Lindsey, Garrett, Transition Academic Programs

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John Carter Teague, Finance Chair, COALS Caucus

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McKnight, Michael, Off Campus Caucus

Aaron Wood, Senator Aaron Wood College of Engineering

Dylan Bohn, Mays Business Caucus

Holden Tumlinson, College of Geosciences

Whereas(1): The federal government has launched "Operation Warp Speed" in response to the

dire need for a vaccine for the novel SARS-Cov-2 virus; and,

Whereas(2): The White House announced on July 27, 2020, that the Fujifilm Texas A&M

Innovation Center would receive a \$265 million contract to produce the

vaccination candidate of Novavax, Inc., or NVX-CoV2373, in College Station,

Texas; and,



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Whereas(3): FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies (FDB) is a subcontractor to the Texas A&M System and coordinates with the university system through the Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing (CIADM) program which was created in response to the H1N1 influenza pandemic; and,

Whereas(4): Fujifilm owns and operates three facilities built through the CIADM program; and,1

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1):

The Texas A&M Student Senate would like to thank the federal government for incorporating both the Texas A&M System and FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies in "Operation Warp Speed" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Let it be

**Further** 

Resolved(2): The Texas A&M Student Senate encourages and advocates for further funding towards developing a vaccine for the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(3): The Texas A&M Student Senate welcomes and advocates for further funding towards the Texas A&M System and its affiliated contractors and subcontractors which will further the economic development of Texas and the Bryan-College Station area; and,

Let it be

**Further** 

Resolved(4): The Texas A&M Student Senate thanks all the professionals at FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies for their dedication towards developing a vaccine and

https://www.kbtx.com/2020/07/27/trump-announces-bio-manufacturing-center-at-texas-am-part-of-warp-s peed-production-of-covid-19-vaccine-candidate/

https://today.tamu.edu/2020/07/27/college-station-bio-manufacturing-center-to-produce-covid-19-vaccines /?utm\_source=TAMUSocial&utm\_campaign=TAMU\_Social&utm\_content=college-station-bio-manufacturi ng-center-to-produce-covid-19-vaccines

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receives our deepest gratitude; and,

Let it be Further

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

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

FujiFilm (Find address)

The Battalion