Matthew Gaines Outreach Poll Resolution

"A resolution in support of the Matthew Gaines Society's efforts to conduct a university-wide student outreach poll."

Action Taken: PASSED
Certified By: Zach McQue
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 1/20/21

Introduced By: Erica Pauls, President, Matthew Gaines Society
Iman Ahmed, Diversity & Inclusion Chair, Off-Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: David Garcia, Off-Campus Caucus
Megha Viswanath, Off-Campus Caucus
Chandler Trosclair, Pro-Tempore Speaker, On-Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): The Texas A&M University Student Senate serves as the official voice of students at Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas(2): Senator Matthew Gaines made great contributions to the creation of Texas A&M University; and,

Whereas(3): Along with the work of the Matthew Gaines Society with the commemoration of an on-campus statue, they work towards highlighting the contributions of Senator Matthew Gaines, and;

Whereas(4): Before the construction of the Society, a poll put out by the SGA Executive Communications committee in Spring of 2018 showed that a mere 16% of students who responded to the survey said they had knowledge of the works of Senator Matthew Gaines; and,
Whereas(5): The Matthew Gaines Society has done great work towards outreach and awareness of Senator Matthew Gaines, and wishes to track their efforts through a campus-wide poll; and,

Whereas(6): Texas A&M University's past President, Micheal K. Young and current Chancellor, John Sharp, have shown immense support for this project and have even financially supported the construction of a statue of Senator Gaines on campus; and,

Whereas(7): The goal of this resolution is to gain support from the Student Senate body to conduct an official student opinion poll through the Spring 2021 Election season ballot to assess the awareness and knowledge of the contributions made by Senator Matthew Gaines to Texas A&M University.

Let it be
Further
Resolved(1): The Texas A&M Student Senate aims to assist the Matthew Gaines Society in raising awareness of Senator Matthew Gaines and his contribution to Texas A&M University, as they have done in the past; and,

Therefore
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Resolved(2): The Texas A&M University Student Senator supports adding a question of "Are you aware of Senator Matthew Gaines and the contributions he made towards the establishment of Texas A&M?" to the upcoming February 2021 Student Government Association election ballot.

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

Matthew Gaines Society  
Chancellor John Sharp  
President Micheal K. Young  
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs  
Sarah Hamilton, Doctoral Assistant - Vice President for Student Affairs
Cara Maxwell, TAMU SGA Election Commissioner
The Battalion