A Resolution –

To be known as "A Resolution to Allow Campus Wide Concealed Carry," to ensure the most safety on the Texas State University Campus.

WHEREAS: More than 150 schools have allowed campus-wide concealed carry for a combined total of 1500 semesters without any acts or threats of acts of violence or suicide from permitted gun owners; and

WHEREAS: Studies by the National Academy of Sciences and the Harvard Injury Control Research Center unearthed the lack of evidence that suggests licensed concealed carry leads to an increase in either violent crime or gun deaths; and
WHEREAS: 2002-2006 Texas Department of Public Safety statistics declare Texas concealed handgun license holders were five and a half times less likely than members of Texas’s general population to commit manslaughter and four times less likely to commit murder; and

WHEREAS: “Safe School Initiative: An Interim Report on the Prevention of Targeted Violence in Schools,” A U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center study in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education with support from the National Institute of Justice, investigated 37 school shootings, noting that “over half of the attacks were resolved/ended before law enforcement responded to the scene. In these cases, the attacker was stopped by faculty or fellow students, decided to stop shooting on his own, or killed himself;” and
WHEREAS: The Safe School Initiative study conducted by the United States Secret Service also concluded that school shooters do not simply lose control and that a person’s downward spiral toward violence is typically accompanied by numerous warning signs; and

WHEREAS: Despite dangers proposed from unlawful gun carriers and outside threats, Texas State University does not allow concealed carry in the CDC, CARES, ACC, Speech-Language-Hearing and Physical Therapy Clinics, locations used for Pre-K through Grade 12 summer session activities and camps, Student Health Center, fifth floor of the LBJ Student Center, Counseling Centers, and any location when used for disciplinary matters, legal and quasi-judicial matters, legal compliance, Strahan Coliseum, Bobcat Stadium, Bobcat Baseball and Softball Complex, Track and Field Stadium, other locations when
used for NCAA or UIL events, University President’s House and grounds, polling location on the third floor of the LBJ Student Center when used for that purpose, and the location of governmental meetings; and

WHEREAS: School Shooters and potential threats do not stop their violent actions due to having a high regard for law and authority; and

WHEREAS: Texas Government Code Chapter 411, Subchapter H sets out the eligibility criteria that must be met. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age (unless active duty military) and must meet federal qualifications to purchase a handgun. A number of factors may make individuals ineligible to obtain a license, such as: felony convictions, some misdemeanor convictions, including charges that resulted in probation or deferred adjudication; certain pending criminal charges; chemical or alcohol
dependency; certain types of psychological diagnoses, and protective or restraining orders; and

WHEREAS: An original (first-time) LTC applicant must complete classroom training, pass a written examination and pass a proficiency demonstration (shooting). All classroom and proficiency must be conducted by an LTC instructor certified by DPS. The classroom instruction may be a four to six-hour course and must cover the four (4) statutory required topics: Laws that relate to weapons and the use of deadly force, handgun use and safety, including use of restraint holsters and methods to ensure the secure carrying of openly carried handguns, non-violent dispute resolution, proper storage practices for handguns with an emphasis on storage practices that eliminate the possibility of accidental injury to a child; and
BE IT RESOLVED: Concealed-carry should be allowed on every square foot of Texas State University, in accordance with NCAA rules regarding sporting events, in order to provide a safer campus for our fellow Bobcats, deter outside threats, and protect ourselves in the face of danger as concealed-carry owners have demonstrated statistically and historically that they are knowledgeable enough to handle firearms responsibly by the lack of violent occurrences performed by licensed concealed-carry owners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if passed this legislation be forwarded to the Student Body President Andrew Homann for further action.