A Resolution in Support of Adding a Verbal Cue in Campus Elevators

WHEREAS: Texas State University is a diverse campus with students from all walks of life and it is important to ensure accessibility to students with various disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The University is not even on the list of the nation’s most accessible colleges given that the hills and stairs already pose a serious impediment to students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: The elevators on campus provide only tactile and visual indicators of floor level, leading to difficulties for students with visual disabilities; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the university utilizes the funds set aside in the budget for elevator maintenance to put into place recordings in elevators that indicate to students the floor level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That these changes begin with the LBJ Student Center because of its role as the focal point of campus and because it serves as a major resource center for students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the voice indication system continue to
be added to buildings across campus starting with the buildings most used by students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That, if passed, this bill be forwarded to Associate Vice President and Director of Facilities Juan Guerra, Associate Vice President Ms. Joan Heath, and Associate Vice President Nancy Nusbaum, ASG Advisor Kathy Weiser, Dean of Students Dr. Margarita Arellano, Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Joanne Smith, and University President Dr. Denise Trauth upon passage.