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**A Resolution -**

To be known as "A Resolution To Create Economic Relationships at Texas State University for the Undergraduates, Graduates, and Graduate Students Through a Commitment to Investing a Portion of the University Endowment Fund Within the Energy Sector," including but not limited to oil, natural gas, fossil fuels, green energy, and solar companies and their subsequent subsidiaries.





46 graduates is taken into consideration;  
47 and

48 **WHEREAS :** 45 percent of college graduates work in  
49 a "non college" job, which is defined  
50 as employment where 50 percent or more  
51 of the total employee pool did not need  
52 a bachelor's degree to be considered  
53 for employment, post-graduation during  
54 the years of 2009 to 2013; and

55 **WHEREAS :** As the rate of graduates from college  
56 increases, the amount of "non college"  
57 job acceptance rate rises, the  
58 underemployment rate increases, the  
59 labor force participation rate  
60 decreases, and the difficulty to  
61 receive an offer for employment to a  
62 degree-related field increases; and

63 **WHEREAS :** With the average college debt  
64 increasing to \$37,172 in 2016, the  
65 margin for economic and fiscal survival  
66 is decreased simultaneously, without  
67 proper post-graduate employment; and

68 **WHEREAS :** Average national salary of all employed  
69 individuals in the United States per  
70 hour is currently at a rate of \$25.09.  
71 However, this rate includes all  
72 employees such as doctors, surgeons,  
73 engineers, lawyers, real estate,  
74 commercial real estate, technology  
75 workers, executives, and upper  
76 management which are deviations from  
77 the mean. The deviations from the mean  
78 includes but are not limited to the  
79 jobs listed above; and

80 **WHEREAS :** At that rate, the average college  
81 graduate for full-time employment  
82 should receive a salary of \$48,172.80  
83 prior to taxation. In Texas, that  
84 amount after taxes breaks down  
85 \$2,867.74 per month or \$34,412.88  
86 annually, not including mandatory  
87 insurance premiums; and

88 **WHEREAS :** The average Texas rent for a one-  
89 bedroom or two-bedroom residence is  
90 \$1,020 and \$1,240 respectfully, leaving

91 the average college graduate with an  
92 expendable income range of around  
93 \$1,700; and

94 **WHEREAS :** It is imperative for Texas State  
95 University to partner with corporations  
96 in the private sector to create a  
97 working relationship that increases the  
98 number of Texas State graduates being  
99 considered for full-time positions and  
100 internships; and

101 **WHEREAS :** It is the responsibility of the Office  
102 of the Student Body President, who was  
103 elected by a majority of students in a  
104 representative fashion to put into  
105 motion the necessary steps in order to  
106 create these partnerships and increase  
107 the success rate of all students at  
108 this university; and

109 **WHEREAS :** The economic landscape of Texas is  
110 highly diversified but driven by the  
111 energy sector. Approximately 12 percent  
112 of the Texas economy is allotted from  
113 this industry. Without this sector, the

114 Texas economic revenue would decrease  
115 exponentially due to primary,  
116 secondary, and tertiary factors  
117 relating to other sectors of the  
118 economy relying on this fundamental  
119 foundation, thus decreasing the quality  
120 of life for all Texas residents and  
121 Texas State University graduates; and

122 **WHEREAS :** It is irrevocably important to build  
123 bilateral relationships within the  
124 energy sector in order to increase the  
125 chances that Texas State graduates are  
126 not underemployed, unemployed,  
127 marginally attached to the labor force,  
128 or any other negative impact of the  
129 modern employment market; and

130 **WHEREAS :** A bilateral relationship can be defined  
131 in this context as the investment of  
132 the endowment fund into energy  
133 companies and their subsidiaries in  
134 order to strengthen the fiscal standing  
135 of the university, while simultaneously  
136 creating a pipeline of employees to

137 their wide variety of jobs in a range  
138 of departments; and

139 **WHEREAS :** As a part of this working relationship,  
140 these companies will be asked to come  
141 to campus for major specific career  
142 fairs, a general campus-wide career  
143 fair, and an international student  
144 career fair, as well as fall, spring,  
145 and summer internship fairs; and

146 **WHEREAS :** This will allow students to have an  
147 increased opportunity for exposure,  
148 employment, or internships with a  
149 plethora of corporations; and

150 **WHEREAS :** This industry has increased research  
151 and development into green energy  
152 sources and this industry is constantly  
153 evolving in modern times, while  
154 committing to the American economy and  
155 jobs for Americans; and

156 **WHEREAS :** The energy sector of the stock market  
157 is at a pivot point currently. Meaning  
158 the price will rise significantly in



159 2017, which would increase returns,  
160 purchasing power of the university, and  
161 overall funding for the university for  
162 all students, programs, facilities, and  
163 bring to fruition the Texas State  
164 University mission and vision;  
165 Therefore

166 **BE IT RESOLVED:** This resolution serves as a definitive  
167 statement of the desire and increased  
168 need for post-graduate prosperity, and

169 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Student Government urges the President  
170 of Texas State University and the board  
171 of the endowment fund to research  
172 financial market and institutions  
173 within the energy sector for proactive  
174 and positive investments; and begin  
175 networking to create the bilateral  
176 relationships aforementioned; and

177 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if applicable and present, then  
178 immediately ceasing the discriminatory  
179 practices of non-energy sector  
180 investing, which subsequently decreases

181 chances of employment into one of  
182 largest Texas job market; and

183 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Texas State University continue to  
184 create an environment on campus that  
185 maximizes opportunity and employment  
186 through the support, creation of, and  
187 fortification of bilateral  
188 relationships in the energy community;  
189 and

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