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**A Simple Resolution -**

**To be known as “A Resolution Condemning the Homophobic Actions of Young Conservatives of Texas at Texas State” condemning the student organization for violating the shared values of Texas State University and expression of homophobia and bias.**

**WHEREAS:** The shared values of Texas State University include the following (emphasis added):

*“The cultivation of character, integrity, honesty, civility,* ***compassion,*** *fairness,* ***respect****, and ethical behavior in all members of our university community;*

***A diversity of people and ideas, a spirit of inclusiveness,*** *a global perspective, and a sense of community as essential conditions for campus life;” and*

**WHEREAS:** One goal of Student Senate has been to attempt to foster a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment on campus; and

**WHEREAS:** The Young Conservatives at Texas State have, both in the past and presently, shown a blatant disregard for these values through their continued belittlement of LGBTQIA+ struggles exemplified in their annual “Coming Out as Conservative” event on the Quad which has the effect of making it harder for LGBTQIA+ students to feel welcome on our campus; and

**WHEREAS:** While it is their right under the law to hold these demonstrations and to undermine the values of the university it does not protect them from public condemnation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Student Senate has a duty to condemn and call attention to bigotry on this campus in whatever form it may take; and

**WHEREAS**: This is not a partisan nor is it an ideological piece as the actions of YCT are not Conservative in nature they are simply bigoted; and

**RESOLVED**, The Student Senate condemns the actions of the Young Conservatives of Texas chapter at Texas State University for their biased, insensitive, and homophobic demonstration “Coming Out as Conservative” on the Quad on October 8, 2019.