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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.