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1 **A Resolution -**

2 To be known as "A Resolution for the affirmation in establishment
3 of support for the Texas Proposition 5", relating to Texas
4 Proposition 5.

5 **WHEREAS:** The Student Government of Texas State University, on
6 behalf of the student body of Texas State University would like to
7 address the up and coming Proposition; and

8 **WHEREAS:** Historically, Texas State University has received far
9 less funding and aid compared to other universities in Texas; and

10 **WHEREAS:** From Nathan McDaniel, Bobcat Alumnus and previous
11 Student Body President, "If passed by voters on November 7,
12 Proposition 5 would create the Texas University Fund (TUF), a \$3.5
13 billion permanent endowment to ensure sustainable funding for
14 TXST. [The Texas University Fund \(TUF\)](#) is a statewide initiative
15 dedicated to supporting and advancing higher education in
16 Texas. TUF provides funding for scholarships, research, faculty

17 development, and academic programs for four Texas universities:
18 Texas State University, Texas Tech University, University of
19 Houston, and University of North Texas. Proposition 5 will
20 help these institutions achieve national prominence as major
21 research universities, drive the Texas economy, and bolster
22 higher education research. For TXST specifically, the investment
23 would accelerate the university's efforts to raise its national
24 profile as a Carnegie Classification of Doctoral University: Very
25 High Research Activity (R1) by 2027. TXST is currently an R2"; and
26 **WHEREAS:** From the "**TOP TEN MOMENTS: APRIL 2023,**" by Dr. Kelly
27 Damphousse, he states," I made a quick trip to the Capitol for a
28 Senate Finance Committee hearing about the Texas University Fund
29 (SB 19) and how it would greatly enhance Texas State's Run to R1.
30 The Texas University Fund (TUF) is a game changer – not just for
31 TXST but for the state. Texas is the eighth-largest economy in the
32 world and deserves to have more than two top-100 research
33 universities. The TUF will make that happen.", quoting this as his
34 Number 1 Moment; and

35 **WHEREAS:** This resolution allows for the Texas State University
36 Student Government Senate and Cabinet to spread information on Prop
37 5 as an entity, whether it be tabling, in email form, handouts,
38 brochures; therefore,

39 **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Student Senate of Texas State University,
40 acting on behalf of the entire 38,000+ students enrolled on campus

41 and virtually, fully support and endorse the proposed Texas
42 University Fund, Proposition 5, in the upcoming election; and

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Senators encourage all members of
44 the Student Government, the student body at large, and all citizens
45 of Texas to vote for Prop. 5 on the upcoming constitutional
46 amendment election and

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Student Government engage with
48 students, faculty, and staff to ensure all those eligible to vote
49 do so during early voting (Oct. 23 - Nov. 3) or on Election Day
50 (Nov. 7) and

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Student Body President, Vice
52 President, and other cabinet members be empowered to share this
53 piece of legislation to advocate for Proposition 5's passage and

54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That members of the Student Government
55 Association and other student organizations on campus share this
56 information with the University Star and other media outlets, their
57 classmates, tabling in the quad and other areas of campus, and
58 other university events, such as athletic games and other events.

59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this piece of legislation be forwarded
60 to the Student Body President for signature.