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In Support of a Student Referendum on the Texas v. Texas A&M Football Game

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WHEREAS, Student Government serves as the official voice of students at the University of Texas at Austin; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Texas and Texas A&M have played against each other in football 118 times¹; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas and Texas A&M both mention each other in the school's fight song²; and

WHEREAS, Student leaders from both schools are working together to launch a united, student-led movement to bring back the game; and

WHEREAS, University of Texas head football coach Tom Herman publicly supported bringing the game back³; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp also publicly supported reinstating the rivalry⁴; and therefore,

WHEREAS, The goal of this legislation is to establish an official student opinion on bringing back the Texas v. Texas A&M football game; and

WHEREAS, The purpose is to reinvigorate the passion that the game brings and to restore one of the University of Texas at Austin's most time-honored traditions; and

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas%E2%80%93Texas_A%26M_football_rivalry

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas%E2%80%93Texas_A%26M_football_rivalry

³ <http://www.chron.com/sports/longhorns/article/Texas-Tom-Herman-wants-Longhorns-to-play-Aggies-11297956.php#photo-9018121>

⁴ <https://features.texasmonthly.com/editorial/country-revival/>

BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government supports adding a question of “Do you support reinstating the University of Texas v. Texas A&M rivalry game on our non-conference football schedule?” to the September 27th ballot that includes first year representative and transfer representative elections; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The representatives of the Assembly and the Student Government Executive Board support bringing back the game; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Government will continue to work with students, alumni, and the athletic departments from both schools to reinstate the game; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Daily Texan, the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of the President, the University of Texas Athletic Department, the UT System Chancellor’s Office, the A&M student newspaper, A&M SGA, and the A&M Office of the President.