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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**Resolution in Opposition of Racial Injustice in the United States**

**Whereas**, the United States has one of the largest criminal justice systems in the world;<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, at the end of 2015, there were over 6.7 million individuals under some form of correctional control in the United States;<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas**, African Americans are faced with higher conviction rates and lengthier prison sentences than any other race;

**Whereas**, if the United States continues to allow such disparities to occur, it will be in violation of Article 2 and Article 26 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

**Whereas**, The University of Houston is one of the most diverse schools in the nation;

**Whereas**, active and passive acts of racism disrupts the development and wellbeing of students at the University of Houston;

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<sup>1</sup> Mauer, M. (2018, April 19). Report to the United Nations on Racial Disparities in the U.S. Criminal Justice System. Retrieved June 6, 2020, from <https://www.sentencingproject.org/publications/un-report-on-racial-disparities/>

<sup>2</sup> Resolution Against Racism and in Support of the Goals of the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://www.apa.org/about/policy/racism>



**Whereas**, complacency is a form of passive violence and those that choose to remain complacent inadvertently aid the oppressor.

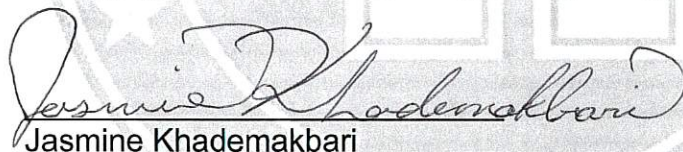
**Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

That the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston firmly opposes prevalent racial injustice both on and off the University of Houston campus and requests that federal, state, and local officials advocate for racial equity and justice.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the 57th Senate of the Student Government Association at the University of Houston requests that the members of the 113th Congress, state, and local officials advocate for racial equity and justice.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the 57th Senate of the Student Government Association at the University of Houston requests student governments throughout the United States draft similar resolutions in opposition to racial injustice in the United States.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the University of Houston Student Government sends a copy of this resolution to City of Houston mayor, SYLVESTER TURNER; Texas House Representative GARNET COLEMAN; Texas State Senator BORRIS MILES; the Honorable DENNIS BONNEN, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives; Governor of the state of Texas, GREG ABBOTT; the honorable SHEILA JACKSON LEE, United States Congresswoman of the State of Texas; the Honorable TED CRUZ, United States Senator for the State of Texas; and the Honorable JOHN CORNYN, United States Senator for the State of Texas.



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**APPROVED**



Julian Cheng

Speaker of the Senate

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