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Resolution in Support of the 2012 Transgender Day of Remembrance

Whereas, The 2012 Transgender Day of Remembrance will be held in the A.D Bruce Religion Center at the University of Houston on November 17th 2012, and

Whereas, The University of Houston LGBT Resource Center will be hosting the 2012 Transgender Day of Remembrance, and

Whereas, The 48th administration of the University of Houston Student Government Association passed the SGA Resolution 48004 calling for implementation of the Gender Expression Non Discrimination Act; and

Whereas, The Transgender Day of Remembrance is a time of reflection and serves as a symbol of respect for many University of Houston students who identify as transgender and gender-diverse, raising awareness of the adversity many transgender individuals face; and

Whereas, In Houston, transgender individuals are routinely denied employment, social services and medical care, and emergency homeless shelters routinely refuse to house transgender individuals; and

Whereas, There is a history of violence, discrimination, and homicide among members of the Houston transgender community; and

Whereas, The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those around the world who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice, and

Whereas, Since the year 2000, Houstonians have observed the Transgender Day of Remembrance as a way to give the LGBT community and allies a chance to honor the memory of those whose lives were cut short as a result of ignorance and hate while bearing witness to the suffering that anti-LGBT bigotry inspires; and

Whereas, This is the 13th year of observance in Houston;

Therefore be it resolved the 49th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

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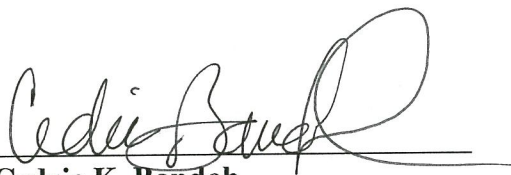
That the University of Houston Student Government Association hereby recognizes November 17, 2012 to be the Transgender Day of Remembrance at the University of Houston

And, that the Houston Transgender Unity Committee, organizers of the Houston Transgender Day of Remembrance, be honored for their work to remember those we have lost to intolerance

And, That the University of Houston Student Government Association stands in solidarity with the Houston Transgender Unity Committee and the Houston area transgender community in honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance

And, That the 2012 Houston Transgender Day of Remembrance be recognized as a solemn memorial for all those who have lost their lives due to bias against gender identity and expression.

APPROVED



Cedric K. Bandoh
Student Body President
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