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International Mother Language Day

Whereas, Students at University of Dhaka protested against oppression of language on February 21st, 1952 and were killed due to their protests; and

Whereas, International Mother Language Day is already acknowledged internationally; and

Whereas, Language is the most essential form of communication, without which cultures do not survive; and

Whereas, University of Houston is the second most diverse Institution in America; and

Whereas, University of Houston ranked top 25 among institutions in America for the highest numbers of international students in 2012; and

Whereas, International Mother Language Day will help create unity in diversity and international understanding, through multilingualism and multiculturalism.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the 49th Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That, the University of Houston Student Government Association hereby recognizes February 21st as International Mother Language Day at the University of Houston starting from 2013;

And also be it further enacted that, University of Houston will officially mark February 21st as International Mother Language Day in the official academic calendar;

And also be it further enacted that, fee funded organizations will be encouraged to host cultural programs in order to promote International Mother Language Day;

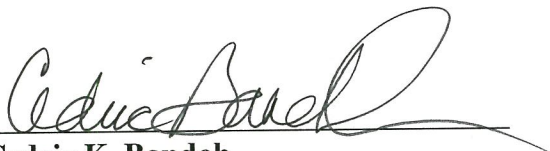
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And also be it further enacted that, University of Houston will help preserve endangered languages by promoting connections among students speaking the languages at risk;

And also be it further enacted that, International Mother Language Day will be recognized as a solemn memorial for all those who have lost their life defending the freedom of language.

APPROVED



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