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Resolution in Opposition to Texas Senate Bill 1 Amendment Zedler-1

Whereas, Article III of Texas Senate Bill 1, otherwise known as the General Appropriations bill of the 83rd Texas Legislative session, provides state funds to institutions of Higher Education; and

Whereas, Amendment Zedler-1 of Texas Senate Bill 1 prohibits Institutions of Higher Education, which receive funds provided by the General Appropriations Act, from the supporting, promoting, or housing of "Gender and Sexuality Centers," on the institution's grounds; and

Whereas, Gender and Sexuality Centers include Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Centers as well as Women's Resource Centers; and

Whereas, The University of Houston seeks to provide an inclusive academic environment and provides protections for students, faculty, and staff of all gender identities and expressions, sexual orientations, and sexes through its nondiscrimination policy enacted in the academic year 2011-2012 as a result of SGAR48004 enacted in the 48th Administration of the UHSGA; and

Whereas, the University of Houston fulfills its nondiscrimination policy and policy of an inclusive academic environment by housing and supporting an LGBT Resource Center and Women's Resource Center on its grounds; and

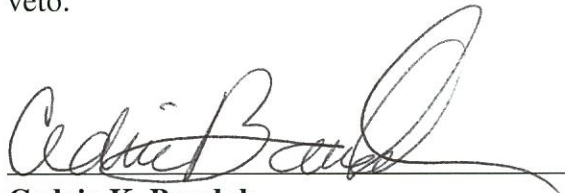
Whereas, the Student Government Association is called to support the University of Houston's policy of inclusion and nondiscrimination by supporting the existence of the University of Houston's LGBT Resource Center and Women's Resource Center.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the 50th administration of the University of Houston Student Government Association; and

That the University of Houston SGA strongly opposes Zedler-1 and any future legislation at the Texas Legislature, and within the University of Houston, that would seek the removal of, or elimination of funding for the LGBT Resource Center and Women's Resource Center at the University of Houston or any other institution of higher education in the state of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Houston Student Government Association reaffirms its support for the LGBT Resource Center and Women's Resource Center at the University of Houston; and the University of Houston Student Government Association strongly encourages the members of the 83rd Texas legislature to reject amendment Zedler-1; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the 50th administration of the University of Houston Student Government Association request that the members of the 83rd legislature advocate for the revocation and removal of amendment Zedler-1 from the General Appropriations Act during conference. In the event that the amendment is approved, the Student Government Association of the University of Houston urges the Governor of Texas to remove the amendment via line-item veto.



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