

UNIVERSITY of  
**HOUSTON**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Label: SR55001

Date introduced: 4/25/18

Author(s): Senator Lorine

Sponsor(s): President Barrett; Vice-President Darusman; Speaker Trinh; Senators Caceres, Garcia, Akhtar, Vicklund, Syed, Chang, Bryan, Pen, Esponda

Draft: Final

Creation of the *Tanzeem Chowdhury Empowerment Mentorship Award*

Whereas, Tanzeem Chowdhury has served the University of Houston and its Student Government Association with the utmost distinction and service, and who continues to empower student leaders by mentoring SGA Vice-Presidents, Presidents, and Senators who have served after his term ended; and

Whereas, Tanzeem Chowdhury had served the students of the University of Houston as a two-term Undergraduate-at-Large Senator of the 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Administrations, Chair of the Student Life Committee, Cullen College of Engineering Senator of the 51<sup>st</sup> Administration, and Student Body Vice-President of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Administration; and

Whereas, Tanzeem Chowdhury's terms in office have been characterized by the motto "Empowering the Pride" and his effortless participation in helping students make the most out of their college experience, starting traditions, encouraging collaboration and creating opportunities for students to become leaders through selfless mentorship. Most importantly, he began an important cultural tradition "International Mother Language Day" at UH which continues to this day and empowers students to be involved in collaborative efforts; and

Whereas, the University of Houston Student Government Association wishes to encourage and recognize in a prominent form the involvement and dedication of those students and alumni who exemplify the character of Tanzeem Chowdhury to continue a legacy of giving back and empowering future leaders; and

Whereas, in the spirit of encouraging students and alumni to become more engaged in mentoring and empowering other student leaders, offering an award will provide

an incentive for further involvement beyond the normal tasks expected of the student leader; and

Whereas, by creating this specific award it would allow more outstanding students to be recognized for this specific area of mentorship and empowerment, which sets them apart from other awards currently available for leadership or service.

Therefore be it enacted by the 55th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That, starting in the Fall of 2018, there will be an additional award added to the individual awards under the Center for Student Involvement to be named the “SGA Tanzeem Chowdhury Empowerment Mentorship Award”.

Further be it enacted, that this award will be open to nomination for all current students and alumni who best exemplifies the ideals and measure of empowerment and mentorship demonstrated by Tanzeem Chowdhury;

Further be it enacted, that the terms of this award shall read:

“Tanzeem Chowdhury served the University of Houston and Student Government Association as Student Body Vice-President of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Administration, Cullen College of Engineering Senator of the 51<sup>st</sup> Administration, a two-term Undergraduate-at-Large Senator of the 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Administrations, and Chair of the Student Life Senate Committee. His terms in office have been characterized by ‘Empowering the Pride’ and his effortless participation in helping students make the most out of their college experience, starting traditions, encouraging collaboration and creating opportunities for students to become leaders through selfless mentorship. He gave people opportunities to succeed and learn in their positions even if they have never been in such positions before. After graduating from UH, Tanzeem continued to mentor and guide SGA vice-presidents, presidents, and senators to succeed in their own initiatives. Most importantly, he began an important cultural tradition ‘International Mother Language Day’ at UH which continues to this day and empowers students to be involved in collaborative efforts.

This award recognizes students and alumni members whose involvement and dedication to mentorship exemplifies the character of Tanzeem Chowdhury’s contributions and his work in empowering and encouraging leadership and collaboration. Recipients of this award will be prominently displayed with former awardees in the Student Government Association Senate Chamber”;

Further be it enacted, that the President, Vice-President, and any other committee members as dictated by the President of the University of Houston Student Government Association will be in charge of selecting which nominated student or alumni will receive this award. No more than two (2) awards may be awarded per calendar year.

#### Sources

1. [http://www.uh.edu/sga/legislative/50th\\_administration/legislation\\_docket.html](http://www.uh.edu/sga/legislative/50th_administration/legislation_docket.html)  
UH Student Government Association 50<sup>th</sup> Administration SR-50001/50002

