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**Juneteenth Summer Holiday Act**

**Whereas**, many students at the University of Houston recognize Juneteenth as a historically important day of emancipation;

**Whereas**, on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, President Biden signed into law the "Juneteenth National Independence Day Act" thereby instating June 19<sup>th</sup> a federal holiday;

**Whereas**, Juneteenth has been celebrated as an official holiday in the State of Texas since 1980;

**Whereas**, students taking summer classes should be afforded the opportunity to celebrate this holiday with their friends and families without academic stress and worries.

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

That from here on out, Juneteenth shall be added to the University of Houston's summer academic calendar as an official holiday and day of rest.

**Be it further enacted**, that professors will assign no homework, papers, or exams of any kind to be due on June 19<sup>th</sup> in respect for the holiday.

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