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This Resolution Shall Henceforth Be Known As the “Recommendation to Local Representatives to Renew the Green Fund.”

PURPOSE

To recommend the renewal of the Green Fund by the 84th Legislature of Texas.

1 Whereas: Article VI of the Constitution of The University of Texas at San Antonio’s Student Government Association reads: “The duties and responsibilities of the SGA General Assembly shall be: To review, discuss, consider, and take any necessary action through legislation on all issues which concern the campus or students which are brought to the floor”; and

2 Whereas: In 2009 the 81st Texas Legislature overwhelmingly passed House Bill 3353 and companion bill Senate Bill 2182; and

3 Whereas: “The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the fee is first charged;” and

4 Whereas: The 84th Texas Legislature is the first assembly to meet in a year where the Green Fund must be renewed to continue; and

5 Whereas: “The University of Texas at San Antonio Green Fund is intended to assist the University’s efforts in sustainability”; and

6 Whereas: The University of Texas at San Antonio’s mission states that, “The University of Texas at San Antonio is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge through research and discovery, teaching and learning, community engagement and public service. As an institution of access and excellence, UTSA embraces multicultural traditions and serves as a center for intellectual and creative resources as well as a catalyst for socioeconomic development and the commercialization of intellectual property — for Texas, the nation and the world”; and

7 Whereas: The Green Fund has provided students at The University of Texas at San Antonio opportunities to individually to pursue initiatives in accordance with the university’s mission; and

8 Whereas: The students of The University of Texas at San Antonio have installed hydration stations around the campus for the purpose of wasting less plastic; and


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Whereas: The students of The University of Texas at San Antonio have established a Spirit Lights program, which was recognized by Mayor Ivy Taylor, and intended to promote former Mayor Julián Castro’s SA2020 vision.

Whereas: The students of The University of Texas at San Antonio have turned an icon of the institution, the Sombrilla fountain, back on after years of being turned off because of water restrictions due to drought; and

Whereas: The students of The University of Texas at San Antonio have installed solar powered trash and recycling stations, which compact waste to increase storage capacity of the stations, and decrease the overall volume of trash; and

Whereas: The Green Fund has not only provided The University of Texas at San Antonio opportunities to become a more environmentally friendly campus, but it has also provided students the opportunity to pursue innovative initiatives which may not otherwise been afforded to them; and

Therefore be it resolved: The University of Texas at San Antonio Student Government Association hereby recommends that the 84th Texas Legislature renew the Green Fund.

Be it further resolved: This resolution is sent to all state legislators who represent the City of San Antonio with this clause omitted from the resolution.

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