

**The Student Senate  
70th Session  
Texas A&M University**

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**Action Taken** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certified By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jasmine Wang  
Speaker of the Senate

**Support of Aggie Israelis and Protection of Jewish Students Resolution**

*“A resolution supporting Israel and opposing anti-semitism on campus”*

**Whereas(1):** The 68th session of Student Senate unanimously passed S.R. 68-01, the “Israel Resolution”, on October 7th, 2015; and,

**Whereas(2):** Israel has been and continues to be one of America’s strongest allies; and,

**Whereas(3):** Israel has been and continues to be a strong trade partner with Texas; Texas ranked as the 4th leading trade partner with Israel in 2012 and has exported upwards of \$11.7 billion in manufacturing goods since 1996; and,

**Whereas(4):** Texas A&M University has explored opportunities in Israel, including building a campus and a research facility; and

**Whereas(5):** Texas A&M University faculty and students continue to benefit from binational grants shared between Israel and Texas in the fields of Science, Technology, and Agriculture; and,

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**Whereas(6):** Texas A&M University has an extremely small Jewish community, numbering between 250 and 400 students, well under 1% of the student population; and

**Whereas(7):** According to the Forward College Guide, Texas A&M University ranks 164th out of 171 in a 2016 ranking of the best colleges for Jewish students; and

**Whereas(8):** According to the definition of anti-Semitism adopted by the U.S. Department of State, European Union, Canada, and major Jewish organizations, the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement is anti-Semitic in its effect, if not in its intent; and

**Whereas(9):** On May 2nd, 2017, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed into law HB 89, known as the “Anti BDS Bill”, stating in a press release “Anti Israel policies are Anti Texas policies”; and

**Whereas(10):** According to the Anti-Defamation League, there was a significant increase in anti-Semitic incidents across the United States in 2017; and

**Whereas(11):** Texas A&M University does not support anti-semitic organizations.

**Therefore  
Let it be  
Further**

**Resolved(1):** Student Senate stands with Jewish and Israeli students as a valued member of the Aggie family; and

**Let it be**

**Resolved(2):** While the Student Senate will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it will not facilitate, promote, or participate in any activities that promote BDS or any other form of anti-Semitism; and

**Let it be  
Further**

**Resolved(3):** While the Student Senate will respect the right of all students to freedom of speech, it recommends that no Texas A&M University student organization support, contribute to, or receive contributions from BDS; and

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**Resolved(4):** Student Senate supports efforts to eliminate anti-semitism on

campus; and,

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**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(5):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

Dr. Michael Young, President, Texas A&M University

Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs, Texas A&M University

Risa Bierman, Acting Operations Manager of Hillel, Texas A&M University

Will Hurd, U.S. Representative, 23rd district of Texas

Yossi Lazaroff, Chabad Rabbi, Texas A&M University

Elad Dermer, President, Aggie Students Supporting Israel

Gabe Noble, President, Hillel Student Leadership

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