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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO PLACE A REFERENDUM BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY IN THE FALL 2017 ELECTION THAT OUTLINES A NEW STUDENT INITIATIVE TO FUND THE LSU MILITARY EXCELLENCE COMMISSION FOR THE RESTORATION OF MEMORIAL TOWER.

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, FROM 1923-1926, MEMORIAL TOWER WAS FIRST FINANCED, CONSTRUCTED, AND DEDICATED AS A MEMORIAL TO THOSE LOUISIANA CITIZENS WHO DIED IN SERVICE IN WORLD WAR I; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, FOR MANY YEARS, MEMORIAL TOWER WAS HOME TO THE UNIVERSITY'S WAR MUSEUM AND WELCOME CENTER; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, IN RECENT YEARS, CADETS OF THE OLE WAR SKULE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAVE BECOME THE PRIMARY OCCUPANT AND PROTECTORATE OF MEMORIAL TOWER, PUSHING FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE FACILITIES AND THE OPENING OF THE LSU MILITARY MUSEUM; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, MEMORIAL TOWER IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF REPAIRS TO ITS EXTERIOR, FOUNDATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE; UPGRADES WHICH THESE FUNDS ALONG WITH THOSE OF PRIVATE DONATIONS FROM THE MILITARY EXCELLENCE COMMISSION, AND THOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND STATE PORTALS WILL SATISFY; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, MEMORIAL TOWER IS A HALLMARK OF LSU AND IS THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE EMBLEM OF THE UNIVERSITY; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, LSU IS EMBARKING ON A FUNDRAISING EFFORT TO FUND THE PROPOSED LSU MILITARY MUSEUM RENOVATIONS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THIS THREE-YEAR INITIATIVE WILL SEEK THE SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF 7.5 TO 8 MILLION DOLLARS FROM ALL SOURCES FOR THE RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MEMORIAL TOWER; AND
- PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FROM THE STUDENT BODY IS SOUGHT IN THE AMOUNT \$500,000.00; AND
- PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FEES WOULD BE \$1.50 PER REGULAR SEMESTER AND \$1.00 FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 10:** WHEREAS, THIS FEE WOULD BE CONSIDERED A CLASS GIFT FROM THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, AND 2024 WITH PROPER RECOGNITION; AND

PARAGRAPH 11: WHEREAS, THIS GIFT WOULD REAFFIRM LSU'S PRAISE AND THANKS FOR THE VALIANT SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY'S VETERANS; AND

PARAGRAPH 12: WHEREAS, THE SPENDING OF THIS MONEY SHALL NOT PROCEED UNTIL DONATIONS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES SUCH AS PRIVATE DONORS AND OR THE SCHOOL OR THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE ITSELF HAVE MATCHED THAT GIVEN BY THE STUDENT BODY ARE ATTAINED; AND

PARAGRAPH 13: WHEREAS, IF THE LSU MILITARY EXCELLENCE COMMISSION IS UNABLE TO RAISE THE REQUIRED FUNDS WITHIN THE THREE YEARS STARTING IN THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 2018 TO END OF THE SPRING SEMESTER OF 2022, THEN THIS MONEY SHALL GO TO THE STUDENT SENATE INITIATIVES FUND TO BE APPROPRIATED AS SEEN OF THE BODY.

PARAGRAPH 14: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT TWO-THIRDS ($2/3$) OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID BODY CONCURRING THAT THERE SHOULD BE A REFERENDUM SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION TO BE PLACED ON THE FALL 2017 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION BALLOT:

"TO IMPOSE A FEE OF \$1.50 IN THE FALL AND SPRING TERM AND \$1.00 IN THE SUMMER TERM FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO ESTABLISH A CLASS GIFT THAT WILL HELP RESTORE MEMORIAL TOWER THROUGH THE LSU MILITARY EXCELLENCE COMMISSION."

PARAGRAPH 15: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE LSU MILITARY EXCELLENCE COMMISSION, PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE MAJ RIAN CARTER, SENIOR MILITARY INSTRUCTOR MAJ STEPHEN WHITMORE, AND DR. GURIE OF THE CADETS OF THE OLE WAR SKULE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

PARAGRAPH 16: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS ($2/3$) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:

JAMES J. MICKLER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JASON J. BADEAUX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____

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