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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S08RS**

5 **SGR No. 18**

6 **BY: SENATORS GAMMON, SELLERS, BLANCO AND FOLEY**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 **IN OPPOSITION OF LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE BILL NO. 240,**
10 **WHICH WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO FROM AGE**
11 **EIGHTEEN (18) TO AGE TWENTY-ONE (21).**

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14 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THIS PROPOSED BILL WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM
15 AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO FROM AGE EIGHTEEN (18) TO
16 AGE TWENTY-ONE (21), BUT RETAINS THE EXCEPTION IF THE
17 PERSON UNDER TWENTY-ONE (21) IS WITH A PARENT OR LEGAL
18 GUARDIAN; AND

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20 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, IT IS NOT THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO
21 INTERFERE WITH SOCIAL ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE LEFT UP TO
22 THE DISCRETION OF PARENTS; AND

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24 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, RAISING THE AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO
25 WOULD MOST LIKELY CONTRIBUTE TO AN INCREASE IN THE
26 NUMBER OF UNDERAGE USERS, BASED ON TRENDS FROM THE
27 POPULARITY OF UNDERAGE DRINKING; AND

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29 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, RAISING THE AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS TOBACCO
30 WOULD DECREASE SALES, AND THEREFORE, DECREASE REVENUE
31 GAINED FROM SIN TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

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33 **PARAGRAPH 5:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT
34 GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
35 AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OPPOSES
36 LOUISIANA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL NO. 240,
37 WHICH WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY OR POSSESS
38 TOBACCO FROM AGE EIGHTEEN (18) TO AGE TWENTY-ONE (21);
39 AND

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41 **PARAGRAPH 6:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
42 RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL,
43 REPRESENTATIVE WALKER HINES, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE,
44 REPRESENTATIVE JIM TUCKER, GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL, AND
45 ALSO REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH AND SENATOR YVONNE
46 DORSEY, WHO REPRESENT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
47 REPECTFULLY.

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COLORADO ROBERTSON, SPEAKER

_____ **MARY CASWELL ALSFELD, PRESIDENT**

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