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A RESOLUTION

TO MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF SENATE BILL 1246, THE COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2003.

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, S.1246 WOULD ERASE AN ARBITRARY DISPARITY IN THE INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, ON-CAMPUS NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS' INFRASTRUCTURE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF STUDENT LIFE FOR MANY STUDENTS; FOR EXAMPLE, GREEK HOUSING IS A KEY SOURCE OF COLLEGIATE HOUSING FOR MORE THAN 250,000 STUDENTS ON CAMPUSES ACROSS THE NATION; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE, LIKE THE HOUSING PROVIDED BY HOST INSTITUTIONS, OFFERS STUDENTS A LIVING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT DESIGNED TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL ENRICHMENT; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT FEDERAL INCOME TAX CODE ALLOWS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO USE TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO CLASSROOMS, LABORATORIES, DORMITORIES, MEETING AREAS AND DINING FACILITIES, BUT FORBIDS SIMILAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES, TO BE USED TO MAKE SIMILAR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO STUDENT HOUSING, MEETING AREAS, AND DINING FACILITIES; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE RIGHT POLICY IS ONE OF EQUITABLE TREATMENT AND THE COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2003 (S.1246) WILL ERASE THIS DISPARITY AND ALLOW TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS, INCLUDING FRATERNITY AND SORORITY FOUNDATIONS, TO BE USED FOR MOST OF THE SAME PURPOSES THAT A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY COULD USE SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY A & M STUDENT SENATE DOES HEREBY MEMORIALIZE THE UNITE STATES CONGRESS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF S.1246, THE COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2003 IN CONFERENCE WITH (H.R. 7).
- PARAGRAPH 7:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO EACH MEMBER OF THE LOUISIANA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

APPROVED

SPEAKER – MICHAEL BUSADA

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PRESIDENT – ALLEN RICHEY

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