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A Resolution -

To be known as, "A Resolution to Allow Campus Wide Concealed Carry," to ensure the most safety on the Texas State University Campus.

1 **WHEREAS:** Over 150 schools have allowed campus-
2 wide concealed carry for a combined
3 total of 1500 semesters without any
4 acts or threats of acts of violence or
5 suicide from permitted gun owners; and

6 **WHEREAS:** Studies by the National Academy of
7 Sciences and the Harvard Injury Control
8 Research Center, unearthed the lack of
9 evidence that suggests licensed
10 concealed carry leads to an increase in
11 either violent crime or gun deaths; and

12 **WHEREAS:** 2002-2006 Texas Department of Public
13 Safety statistics declare Texas

14 concealed handgun license holders were
15 five and a half times less likely than
16 members of Texas's general population
17 to commit manslaughter and four times
18 less likely to commit murder; and

19 **WHEREAS :** "Safe School Initiative: An Interim
20 Report on the Prevention of Targeted
21 Violence in Schools," A U.S. Secret
22 Service National Threat Assessment
23 Center study in collaboration with the
24 U.S. Department of Education with
25 support from the National Institute of
26 Justice investigated into thirty-seven
27 school shootings, 'Over half of the
28 attacks were resolved/ended before law
29 enforcement responded to the scene. In
30 these cases, the attacker was stopped
31 by faculty or fellow students, decided
32 to stop shooting on his own, or killed
33 himself; and

34 **WHEREAS :** The Safe School Initiative study
35 conducted by the United States Secret
36 Service also concluded that school

37 shooters do not simply snap and that a
38 person's downward spiral toward
39 violence is typically accompanied by
40 numerous warning signs; and

41 **WHEREAS :** Despite dangers proposed from unlawful
42 gun carriers and outside threats, Texas
43 State University does not allow
44 concealed carry in the CDC, CARES, ACC,
45 Speech-Language-Hearing and Physical
46 Therapy Clinics, Locations used for
47 Pre-K through Grade 12 summer session
48 activities and camps, Student Health
49 Center, 5th Floor of the LBJ Student
50 Center, Counseling Centers, and any
51 location when used for disciplinary
52 matters, legal and quasi-judicial
53 matters, legal compliance, Strahan
54 Coliseum, Bobcat Stadium, Bobcat
55 Baseball and Softball Complex, Track
56 and Field Stadium, other locations when
57 used for NCAA or UIL events, University
58 President's House and grounds, polling
59 location on the 3rd floor of the LBJ

60 Student Center when used for that
61 purpose, and the location of
62 governmental meetings; and

63 **WHEREAS :** School Shooters and potential threats
64 do not stop their violent actions due
65 to having a high regard for law and
66 authority; and

67 **WHEREAS :** Texas Government Code Chapter 411,
68 Subchapter H sets out the eligibility
69 criteria that must be met. Applicants
70 must be at least 21 years of age
71 (unless active duty military) and must
72 meet Federal qualifications to purchase
73 a handgun. A number of factors may make
74 individuals ineligible to obtain a
75 license, such as: felony convictions,
76 some misdemeanor convictions, including
77 charges that resulted in probation or
78 deferred adjudication; certain pending
79 criminal charges; chemical or alcohol
80 dependency; certain types of
81 psychological diagnoses, and protective
82 or restraining orders; and

106 campus for our fellow Bobcats, deter
107 outside threats, and protect ourselves
108 in the face of danger as concealed-
109 carry owners have demonstrated
110 statistically and historically that
111 they are knowledgeable enough to handle
112 firearms responsibly by the lack of
113 violent occurrences performed by
114 licensed concealed-carry owners; and

115 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That if passed this legislation be
116 forwarded to the Student Body President
117 Andrew Homann for further action.