

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Board of Regents

March 30, 2017

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez for Her Service as the 2016-2017 Student Member of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System and Bestowing the Title of Student Regent Emeritus.

Approval of the following resolution recognizing Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez by the Board of Regents is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez was appointed as Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System by Governor Greg Abbott in 2016; and

WHEREAS, she is the first Texas A&M International University student appointed as Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez is a first-generation college graduate who received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication in May 2016 and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Communication at Texas A&M International University; and

WHEREAS, she is a Student Engagement Specialist for the Office of Student Orientation, Leadership and Engagement, a Graduate Representative on the Honor Council, and a Greek Council Advisor for Texas A&M International University; and

WHEREAS, she completed leadership programs in the Freshman Leadership Organization and Sophomore Leaders Involved in Change, and served as Student Body Vice President in the Student Government Association for the 2015-2016 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez continues to commit time to serving her community receiving Bronze and Gold Presidential Volunteer Service Awards during her studies at Texas A&M International University; and

WHEREAS, she was awarded the 2016 Senator Judith Zaffirini Scholarship and Leadership Award for her commitment to academic success, leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board of Regents, in the fall of 2016, the \$60 million Panther Stadium was completed and opened at Prairie View A&M University and the new \$120 million Veterinary Biomedical Education Complex opened at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, during her year of service on the Board of Regents, the budget of The Texas A&M University System was \$4.2 billion and enrollment at Texas A&M System institutions grew from 143,000 to 148,000 students; and

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WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University System externally funded over \$972 million in research expenditures to help drive the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez worked closely with the student leaders on a variety of issues at The Texas A&M University System's eleven universities and health science center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez brought the opinions and perspectives of students across The Texas A&M University System back to the Board of Regents, enriching the Board of Regents' ability to lead; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System express our appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez as the 2016-2017 Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that in honor of her service to the Board of Regents, the title of Student Regent Emeritus of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System is hereby bestowed upon Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and official copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, and be presented to Ms. Stephanie Y. Martinez and to the Archives of The Texas A&M University System, as a permanent tribute to the high esteem in which she is held as a Student Regent of The Texas A&M University System.

ADOPTED, this 27th day of April 2017.”

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Board of Regents

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
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