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[1] **Whereas**

The University of Texas at Austin believes in strong friendships with colleges, universities, and institutions of higher education across the state, nation, and world.

Whereas on Monday April 16th, 2007 a gunman opened fire on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) campus, claiming the lives of thirty students and injuring at least twenty-nine others.

Whereas this is the deadliest school shooting in U.S. History.

Whereas this incident marks the most devastating school shooting since April 20th, 1999 at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

Whereas the 1999 shooting in Colorado claimed the lives of fourteen students and one teacher.

Whereas on August 1st, 1966 The University of Texas at Austin was victim to a shooting when Charles Whitman opened fire from the top of the tower.

Whereas the 1966 shooting claimed the lives of fifteen people and injured thirty-one.

Whereas there are still students, faculty, and staff that suffer from trauma from the 1966 shooting to date.

Whereas the Student Body of the University of Texas at Austin is deeply concerned for its fellow students at Virginia Tech.

Whereas the University of Texas at Austin and Virginia Tech share a common color of burnt orange,

[2] Therefore Be It Resolved

that five-thousand burnt orange ribbons are passed out to University of Texas at Austin students in memoriam of the Virginia Tech students.

Be it further resolved that a candle vigil be held on Monday April 23rd, 2007, one week after the event, to honor the Virginia Tech students.

Be it further resolved that The University of Texas at Austin Student Government officially offers its condolences and best wishes to the students, faculty, staff, alumni and extended family of Virginia Tech.

Comments

Footnotes
