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AR 15 Declaring The University of Texas at Austin a ONE Campus

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The ONE Campaign

WHEREAS, "ONE is a grassroots campaign and advocacy organization backed by more than 2 million people who are committed to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa,"ⁱ and

WHEREAS, Co-founded by songwriter and activist Bono, ONE is nonpartisan and works closely with African policy makers and activists to hold world leaders accountable for the commitments they have made to fight extreme poverty, and campaign for better development policies, more effective aid and trade practicesⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, ONE works closely with policy experts, celebrities, politicians, and anti-poverty activists to mobilize public opinion in support of tested and proven methods for tackling poverty;ⁱⁱⁱ and

The ONE Campus Challenge

WHEREAS, In September 2007, "ONE launched the ONE Campus Challenge (OCC) and throughout the year, more than 26,000 students at more than 1,400 colleges and universities signed up to raise awareness and take action against global poverty on their campuses;"^{iv} and

WHEREAS, Students score points for their campus through a point system by taking actions like writing and calling their members of Congress to pass anti-poverty legislation, raising awareness for ONE's issues through panels, speeches, large visual displays, and recruiting thousands of new student activists to the cause of ending global poverty;^v and

WHEREAS, Leaders from the top 100 schools with the most points are invited to Washington D.C. for the "Power 100 Summit" to hear from well-known leaders and activists and learn organizing techniques to take back to their campuses;^{vi} and

WHEREAS, In 2007, "the top 10 schools were awarded \$10,000 grants to implement the best poverty-fighting program on their campuses;"^{vii} and

WHEREAS, In 2007, while Princeton, George Washington University, Kansas State, Sacred Heart, and Wilmington placed in the top 10 list, "Western Kentucky University beat them all, at one point signing up more than 1,700 new members in just one day, writing scores of letters to their members of Congress through the year, and getting WKU [Western Kentucky University] declared a Campus of ONE;"^{viii} therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin strongly supports the efforts of ONE to mobilize students to hold world leaders accountable for their commitments to fight extreme poverty, campaign for better development policies and trade reform, and support greater

democracy, accountability, and transparency to ensure policies to end poverty are implemented effectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin declares The University of Texas at Austin a ONE Campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin strongly encourages the student body at The University of Texas at Austin to utilize the tools, technology, and resources at their disposal to end global poverty by recruiting fellow students, sending letters to members of Congress, and increasing visibility by organizing panels, speeches, and large visual displays.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Office of the President of The University of Texas at Austin, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students, Board of Directors of ONE, FACE AIDS UT-Austin Chapter, UT-Austin African Students Association, Oxfam-UT.

ⁱ ONE Campus Challenge: Powered by U. "The Challenge."
Recap 2007-08.

13 September. 2009 < <http://www.one.org/campus/recap/>>.

ⁱⁱ ONE Campaign. "About Us." Who We Are.

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