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4/23/13 Consent

AR 3 In Honor of the Victims of the Boston Marathon Bombings

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WHEREAS, during the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013, two bombs exploded, killing 3 people and injuring 282 others;

WHEREAS, the bombs exploded near the finish line, thirteen seconds apart, at 2:49 p.m. EDT;

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) took over the investigation, coordinating the efforts of local, state, and federal agencies, and have identified the suspects; and

WHEREAS, The Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin recognizes this deep tragedy and offers its sympathy to the victims and all of the affected people;

WHEREAS, students of The University of Texas at Austin are impacted by this tragedy both directly and indirectly, through participation in the Boston Marathon, through our family members or friends who were present at the event, and as citizens of a global community; and

WHEREAS, safety was restored in the city of Boston through the valiant joint efforts of first responders, including the FBI, the police, SWAT teams, firemen, paramedics, emergency response teams, and civilians;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin passes this legislation to honor those whose lives were lost and all of those affected by this senseless act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin will hold a vigil honoring those affected on April 24, 2013 at 8:00 pm in the West Mall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Student Government at The University of Texas at Austin observed a moment of silence to honor the victims, the people affected and offers its ongoing support for the people of Boston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this legislation be sent to the President of the University, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students, The Daily Texan, and all other applicable media.

Fast Track Justification: The vigil described will take place tomorrow, it is pertinent that the legislation to accompany this event be heard prior to the event i.e. tonight. The authors and sponsors feel it is important to have documented support prior to the vigil in order to properly honor those affected by this traumatic, nationally relevant event.

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_Marathon_bombings

²<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/16/us/explosions-reported-at-site-of-boston-marathon.html?pagewanted=all&r=0>

³<http://www.theatlanticwire.com/national/2013/04/boston-marathons-final-mile-was-dedicated-newtown-victims/64250/>