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In Support of Exterior Water Fountains on Campus

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WHEREAS, the US consumed 9.1 billion gallons of bottled water in 2011; and¹

WHEREAS, plastic water bottles take three times the amount of water to produce as they do to fill; and²

WHEREAS, the four water fountains of the SAC eliminated the waste of a potential 115,000 water bottles in four weeks; and

WHEREAS, exterior water fountains have the support of members of UT's Office of Campus Planning and Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is in line with the platform goals of Student Body President, Thor Lund, and Student Body Vice President, Wills Brown; and

WHEREAS, aside from the water fountains at the Caven Lacrosse and Sports Center at Clark Field, at this time there are no other exterior water fountains on campus; and

WHEREAS, establishing external water fountains would be in agreement with the mission of the Office of Sustainability to "advance environmental stewardship and stability on our campus;" and³

BE IT RESOLVED, that The University of Texas Student Government suggest that exterior water fountains be built on campus to reduce the waste derived from plastic water bottles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The University of Texas Student Government will request funds for this initiative through the UT Green Fee Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The University of Texas Student Government request that a copy of this legislation be sent to the Division of Housing and Food Services, University Health Services, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Office of Sustainability, and Office of Campus Planning & Facilities Management.

¹ Fishman, Charles. "U.S. Bottled Water Sales Are Booming (Again) Despite Opposition." *National Geographic* (2012): n. pag. Print.

² "Education Database Online." *Online Education Blog*. N.p., n.d. Web. 19 Feb. 2013.

³ "About Us." *Home*. N.p., n.d. Web. 19 Feb. 2013.