

**AR 18****In Support of Rescheduling the 2011 Texas-OU Game**

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**Background:**

Whereas, the Texas-OU game, also known as the Red River Rivalry, originated in 1900 and has been played at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas since 1932; and

Whereas, the State Fair of Texas is the largest state fair in the United States by annual attendance and has been held at Fair Park in Dallas since 1886; and

Whereas, the Texas-OU game is identifiably one of the main centerpieces of the State Fair of Texas; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of students from The University of Texas at Austin attend the Texas-OU game and the Texas State Fair for the entire weekend, every year; and

Whereas, the Texas-OU game for the year of 2011 is currently scheduled for 8 October; and

**Conflict:**

Whereas, the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin is the representative body of the student population of The University of Texas at Austin; and

Whereas, 4,000 undergraduate students and 800 graduate students of The University of Texas at Austin is of Jewish heritage and identifies as such<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, Yom Kippur, the day of atonement, is the most important day on the Jewish calendar; and

Whereas, the majority of Jews observe this holiday by both attending approximately 13 hours of services, and by fasting – refraining from food and liquid intake – for 25 hours; and

Whereas, Yom Kippur for the year of 2011 falls on 8 October, and unlike the Texas-OU game, cannot be rescheduled; and

Whereas, The 2011 Longhorn Football Season schedule is currently undergoing changes because of the loss of The University of Nebraska as a member of the Big XII Conference; therefore

**Resolution:**

Be It Resolved, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin does not support the scheduling of the Texas-OU game on the same day as Yom Kippur; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin requests that other scheduling options for the Texas-OU game be pursued while the schedule is still in a tentative state; and

Be It Further Resolved, That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin encourages the administration to strongly consider important religious holidays when scheduling academic and athletic events in the future; and

Be It Further Resolved, That official copies of this resolution be delivered to the Athletic Department, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, the Office of the Chancellor of the University of Texas System, the Office of the President, the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Office of the Dean of Students and The Daily Texan.

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<sup>1</sup>Texas Hillel, "Campus Information."

<<http://www.hillel.org/HillelApps/JLOC/Campus.aspx?AgencyId=17930>>.

The committee that plans the football season schedule is currently deciding between a few options for the 2011 schedule. One of these options includes the Texas-OU game being on a different Saturday than that of Yom Kippur.

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