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AR 10 Calling on the Texas Legislature to modify the "Top 10 Percent" law

- 1 Whereas: Approximately 50 percent of the 2002 freshmen class was admitted
- 2 under the "Top 10 Percent" law.

- 3 Whereas: 69 percent of the 2003 freshmen class was admitted under the "Top 10
- 4 Percent" law.

- 5 Whereas: 6 percent of the 2003 freshmen class were Texas residents not admitted
- 6 under the "Top 10 Percent" law.

- 7 Whereas: According to the University of Texas Administration, the percentage of
- 8 the freshman class admitted under "Top 10 percent" could be as high as 85
- 9 percent in spring 2004 and as much as 100 percent in spring 2005.

- 10 Whereas: The University must admit over its desired acceptance numbers if more
- 11 than that number were within the top 10 percent of their high school's
- 12 graduating class.

- 13 Whereas: Accepting more students than fiscally responsible due to the Top 10%
- 14 rule would negatively impact the quality of education at the University due to
- 15 a strain on resources.

- 16 Whereas: If this law is not amended during the third special session of the
- 17 78th Legislature, it cannot be modified till the 79th Legislature and would
- 18 not go into effect until the admissions process during spring 2006.

- 19 Therefore be it resolved: The student body of the University of Texas at
- 20 Austin calls upon the Texas State Legislature to modify Section 51.803 of the
- 21 Texas Education Code to limit the percentage of an admissions class being
- 22 admitted under the "Top 10 Percent" law to 50 percent.

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