

A.R. 10 Support of Andrews Dorm

A Resolution

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TO SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF ANDREWS DORM IN THEIR EFFORT TO KEEP IT AN ALL-FEMALE RESIDENCE HALL AND TO HELP THEM GAIN INPUT IN FUTURE HOUSING DECISIONS THAT EFFECT THEM

Whereas the Honors Housing Committee elicited no student input before making the decision to convert Andrews into a Co-ed Honors Hall and

Whereas there was no student input last year regarding the conversion of Carothers into a Co-ed Honors Hall and

Whereas the Director of the Division of Housing has stated that the desire was to start out small with honors student housing in order to see how it would go and

Whereas there has been no formal evaluation of the honor's student housing project and

Whereas there has not been sufficient time to fully and accurately assess the success (or lack thereof) of the current Honors Hall and

Whereas expansion of the project to include Andrews Residence Hall will effectively eliminate the community developed at Andrews and

Whereas traditions at any institution are very important and the Quad has been all female since the 1930's and

Whereas such an action limits the low-cost housing options offered by UT for the common UT student and

Whereas the issue of security for the female residents in all-female halls has not been sufficiently addressed so as to discourage possible criminal acts and

Whereas the segregation of "high-ability" students inherently discriminates against other residents of the University housing and

Whereas expansion would eliminate the cultural diversity found in Andrews (43% Caucasian, 11% African American, 26% Hispanic, 8%

Asian American, and 12% Foreigners) which the Honors Hall does not have and

Whereas Andrews retains its residents longer and attracts residents from other residence halls, Andrews is unique in that it has 66% upperclassmen as opposed to the average U.T. hall percentage of 38.4% upperclassmen this is reflective of the community in Andrews

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENTS ASSEMBLY OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, that the Students' Association supports the Andrews residents and other interested parties in their goal of keeping Andrews an all-female residence hall and, furthermore, will seek to evaluate the channels through which residents may voice their concerns and communicate their ideas to the Division of Housing at the University of Texas at Austin, and

Furthermore we recommend that the University evaluate whether or not to build a new residence hall for the Honors Housing program or relocate the one in Carothers to a hall that can accommodate any future expansion so that the Quad will return to its tradition of being an all-female Quad.

Sponsored by Representatives Fitzer and D. Anderson