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1 Title: Calling on the Texas Legislature to modify the top 10 percent

2 Stage: FAST TRACK - 01/29/2004

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8 **Whereas**

9 approximately 50 percent of the 2002 entering undergraduate class of the  
10 University of Texas at Austin was automatically admitted under the top 10  
11 percent rule.

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14 approximately 65 percent of the 2003 entering undergraduate class of the  
15 University of Texas at Austin was automatically admitted under the top 10  
16 percent rule.

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18 **Whereas**

19 the percentage of the entering undergraduate class of the University of Texas  
20 at Austin automatically admitted under the top 10 percent rule could be as  
21 high as 85 percent in 2004, as high as 100 percent in 2005, and higher than  
22 100 percent in the years following.

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24 **Whereas**

25 automatically admitting an increasing percentage of students, as per the top  
26 10 percent rule, in excess of the financial or physical capacity of the  
27 University of Texas at Austin would negatively impact the quality of  
28 education at the University, due to a strain on resources.

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30 **Whereas**

31 automatically admitting an increasing percentage of students based solely on  
32 one criterion, as per the top 10 percent rule, necessarily disregards other  
33 important educational and social characteristics and achievements of  
34 otherwise potentially qualified applicants

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36 **Whereas**

37 the administration of the University of Texas at Austin has proposed the  
38 implementation of a <sup>holistic admissions process</sup> ~~race-conscious admissions process~~, as per the Supreme  
39 Court case *.Grutter v. Bollinger*.

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41 **Whereas**

42 automatically admitting an increasing percentage of students, as per the top  
43 10 percent rule, decreases the percentage of entering undergraduates that may  
44 be considered under a race-conscious admissions process.

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46 **Whereas**

47 the University of Texas Taskforce on Enrollment Strategy recently  
48 recommended that the University of Texas at Austin "pursue legislative  
49 changes" to the top 10 percent rule, specifically, changing the rule to admit to  
50 the University of Texas at Austin no less than 50 percent and no more than 60  
51 percent of an entering undergraduate class via the top 10 percent rule.

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53 **wnereas**  
54 in passing AR 10, the Student Government of the University of Texas at  
55 Austin previously called upon the Texas Legislature to limit undergraduate  
56 admissions under the top 10 percent rule during the Third Special Session of  
57 the 78th Legislature.  
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59 **Whereas**  
60 if the top 10 percent rule is not amended during the Fourth Special Session of  
61 the 78th Legislature, it cannot be modified until the 79th Legislature, and  
62 changes would not go into effect until the admissions cycle of spring 2006.  
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64 **Be It Resolved**  
65 that the student body of the University of Texas at Austin endorses the  
66 recommendations of the Taskforce on Enrollment Strategy regarding the  
67 proposed changes to the top 10 percent rule.  
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69 **Be It Resolved**  
70 that the student body of the University of Texas at Austin calls upon the  
71 Texas Legislature to modify Section 51.803 of the Texas Education Code to  
72 admit no less than 50 percent and no more than 60 percent of entering  
73 undergraduate classes at the University of Texas at Austin via the top 10  
74 percent rule.  
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76 **Whereas**  
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81 **Footnotes**  
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84 **Comments**  
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