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University of Oklahoma Student Government Association

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SENATE BILL NO. GF16-15

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution strongly encouraging the Student Government Association to work towards supporting sexual violence survivors on campus and improve upon current efforts to support victims of sexual violence; and providing for distribution.

Whereas: Sexual Violence on campus is a widespread problem across the country: 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college. More than 90 percent of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault; and

Whereas: Only 20 percent of on campus sexual assaults in the United States are fully reported due to fear of social reprisal, lack of understanding of the reporting process, and the stigma associated with reporting a sexual assault; and

Whereas: Sexual Violence is unique in that victims are often blamed and shamed, creating a stigma which prevents reporting and healing; and

Whereas: We truly commend the resources on campus, including the Gender and Equality Center, the Counseling Center, and the Misconduct Office, for their efforts to help survivors of sexual violence on campus; and

Whereas: We believe more can be done by the Student Government Association to promote a more open and safe environment on campus for every student.
NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1: This resolution shall be known and may be cited as “A Resolution Addressing Sexual Assault.”

Section 2: The Student Government Association thanks and supports all programs and entities on campus that are currently working to help survivors of sexual assault on campus, including the Gender and Equality Center, the Goddard Counseling Center, and other resources provided by the Institutional Equity Office.

Section 3: The Student Government Association commits to a coordinated effort with other organizations on campus addressing the stigma surrounding victims of sexual violence intrinsic in our culture. This effort would work to promote a safer and more supportive environment on campus for all.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- David L. Boren, President of The University of Oklahoma
- Kathy Fahl, Director of the Gender and Equality Center
- The Norman Transcript
- The OU Daily
- OU Nightly

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Submitted on a motion by: Representative Mee, seconded by Representative Alrawi
Action taken by Congress: This bill passed by a roll call vote of 33-1-1
Verified by Chair of Congress: [Signature] Date: [Date]

Submitted on a motion by: Senator Bill, seconded by Senator Wetherbee
Action taken by Senate: Passed by unanimous consent
Verified by Chair of Senate: [Signature] Date: 10/24/16

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