Texas A&M University  
Graduate and Professional Student Council  
General Assembly  
2017-2018 Session  

Resolution for translating Silver Taps Letters  
Presented by Saloni Bafna and Matthew J. Etchells on May 1, 2018

Whereas: The Graduate and Professional Student Council exists to govern and to serve as the voice of all graduate and professional students at Texas A&M University.

Whereas: Silver Taps is one of the oldest and finest traditions of the Texas A&M student body. It is that final tribute paid to an Aggie who, at the time of their death, was enrolled in graduate or undergraduate courses at Texas A&M University.

Whereas: At each ceremony the students write letters to the family of the fallen Aggie and when an Aggie is an international student it is possible that their native language is not English and the family of the student is unable to read those silver taps letters.

And Whereas: This collaboration between the Graduate and Professional Student Council and Traditions Council will resolve this linguistic challenge for grieving families and enable them to read the letters.

Let it be Resolved: The Graduate and Professional Student Council at Texas A&M University wants to help in translating the Silver Taps letters. The International Student Affairs committee will coordinate with International Student Services and Traditions Council to support translating letters for international students with non-English language parents whenever possible.

Let it be Further Resolved: A copy of this resolution shall be posted and delivered to:

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Action Taken: Passed

Date: 5/3/2018

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Duly Approved By: Matthew J. Etchells
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