(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate supporting and recognizing our frontline healthcare workers, volunteers, and students during the COVID-19 pandemic)

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has shaken our healthcare industry and communities around the world, mounting an extraordinary response from healthcare workers and community volunteers, and

WHEREAS, frontline workers have adapted to meet countless challenges, including limited protective equipment, sacrificed time away from families, and fear of infection or transmission, we thank them for their devotion to the healthcare profession, and insist that they continue to receive necessary support from our administrations and communities, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Student Taskforce and Lubbock County Medical Society have taken on volunteer efforts to support our frontline workers through childcare services, grocery runs, pet sitting, and concentrated efforts to acquire thousands of personal protective equipment items either purchased or donated from local businesses and allies, and

WHEREAS, the West Texas 3D COVID-19 Relief Consortium has channeled engineering ingenuity into printing and assembling masks to be donated to our local healthcare facilities, thus fostering creative solutions to our most pressing problems, and

WHEREAS, lab workers have been dedicated to processing tests, while also developing innovative means to maximize our resources, and

WHEREAS, mental health workers have tailored their services to meet the rapidly rising need for mental health services during this constantly changing and uncharted time, and

WHEREAS, local and community leadership has been tasked with making difficult decisions in order to best protect individuals and their families, while also mitigating the burden placed on our healthcare workers, and

WHEREAS, we also recognize countless businesses and other volunteers who have offered donations of supplies, sustenance, and precious time in order to support our frontline workers, and

WHEREAS, we also sympathize with our graduating students, will continue to work to ensure they receive proper commendation and recognition for their academic and clinical achievements, and thank them for their gracious understanding.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center recognizes and supports our frontline healthcare workers for their dedicated service, appreciates the efforts of volunteers, and offers our support and gratitude during this unprecedented battle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., Chancellor of the Texas Tech University System; Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph. D., Interim President of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Ashley Sturgeon, M.D., President of the Lubbock County Medical Society; Aliza Wong, Ph.D., founding member of the West Texas 3D COVID-19 Relief Consortium; Jimmy Bunch and Ellen Wilson, COVID-19 Student Taskforce Co-Chairs; and to the students, most especially the Class of 2020, of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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