



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
Senate Resolution 21.20

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate supporting the 87th Texas State Legislature's approval of the partnership between the Texas Tech University System and Midwestern State University Texas)

WHEREAS, the Texas Tech University (TTU) System is one of the top public university systems in the nation and is a dynamic force for higher education, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Tech University System currently consists of four component institutions including Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Angelo State University, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center-El Paso, and

WHEREAS, the TTU System focuses on advancing higher education, health care, research, and provides its universities with the resources needed to meet the global challenges of today and the future, and

WHEREAS, Midwestern State University is a leading Liberal Arts University, has an impeccable reputation in the higher education system of Texas, and is committed to offering an affordable and accessible education for its students, and

WHEREAS, Midwestern State University President Suzanne Shipley first revealed to the MSU Student Government Association on February 14, 2019 that MSU was invited to join the TTU System in order to gain feedback and answer questions about the potential partnership. Furthermore, in fall of 2019 MSU began working alongside the Texas Tech Board of Regents, as well as leading staff at TTU, to develop a feasible plan towards assimilation, and

WHEREAS, in response to feedback from MSU and TTU System staff and the MSU Texas Board of Regents approval in May 2020, on August 6, 2020 the TTU System Board of Regents and the Midwestern State University Texas announced an approved Memorandum of Understanding showing each party's willingness to integrate MSU into the TTU System, and

WHEREAS, the decision to incorporate MSU into the TTU System is primarily a financial one, given that TTU is able to borrow money at a lower rate than MSU, causing the university to benefit immensely in future finances, and

WHEREAS, the decision of the approval and passage of legislation of MSU Texas to be joined into the TTU System ultimately lies with the 87th Texas State Legislature.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate supports the passing of legislation by the 87th Texas State Legislature approving Midwestern State University Texas as the fifth member of the Texas Tech University System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate commends Senator Drew Springer for introducing Senate Bill 447 on January 26, 2021 “Relating to the transfer of Midwestern State University to the Texas Tech University System...”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate commends Representative James Frank and his Chief of Staff, Jim Johnson, for filing House Bill No. 1522 on February 2, 2021 “Relating to the transfer of Midwestern State University to the Texas Tech University System...”, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center commends the TTU System for its diligence in ensuring MSU Texas feels welcomed into the TTU System and working to add MSU as a fifth member of its system, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Marcus Gonzalez**, *TTUHSC SGA President*; **Chase Seabolt**, Editor of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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