

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER Senate Resolution 21.23

(Stating the sentiments of the Student Senate expressing gratitude and appreciation to all COVID-19 frontline workers both in the United States and TTU System community.)

WHEREAS, throughout the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has made a serious impact on our world, country, and TTU System community. The coronavirus has caused death and pain, grief, uncertainty, financial instability, isolation, disruptions in education and employment, unrest, and much more, and

WHEREAS, this deadly virus has taken a painful toll on everyone. As of March 22, 2020, there have been 124 million reported cases of the coronavirus and subsequently, 2.72 million deaths. It is easy to recognize that possibly the greatest strain from the COVID-19 pandemic has been placed on frontline workers, and

WHEREAS, although extreme measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus have been implemented (i.e. frequent hand washing, the wearing of masks, social distancing, lockdowns), medical facilities and their employees have been and continue to be overwhelmed by patients with the virus and otherwise, and

WHEREAS, there are many other frontline workers who have worked diligently under extreme conditions this last year to keep themselves and others safe, including first responders such as firefighters and police officers, educational employees including daycare employees, food and agriculture workers, manufacturing employees, corrections workers, U.S. postal service employees, public transit workers, food service employees including grocery store workers, and any person who works non-remotely while combatting the effects of the pandemic, and

WHEREAS, each of these frontline workers has worked tirelessly for the past year to protect everyone around them. They have had an incredible and substantial impact on our fight against the spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, they have faced the harshest of circumstances in relation to the coronavirus, such as extensive time away from loved ones, long hours under extreme conditions, fears about their own health, and total mental and physical exhaustion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate expresses gratitude, appreciation, and respect to all frontline workers, and specifically those employed or involved with Texas Tech University System and its affiliated programs, including TTU, TTUHSC, TTUHSC El Paso, and Angelo State University, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate acknowledges the massive impact frontline workers have made the past year on the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. We acknowledge and appreciate their dedication, compassion, and persistence in the effort to slow the spread, as well as the comfort and care they have provided to all those directly and indirectly impacted by the virus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate values the courage and commitment frontline workers have displayed throughout the last year. We owe each and every one of you a debt of gratitude, and we acknowledge that we can look forward to a healthier and safer future, all thanks to your selflessness and hard work.

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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