## UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Recognition of Sen. Tabbitha "Tabbi" Martinez**

Whereas, Graduate and Professional Students make up 9,000 out of the 45,000 student population enrolled at the University of Houston;

**Whereas,** Sen. Martinez was appointed to the University of Houston Student Government Association Senate, gardening 34 aye votes and 0 nay votes, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 to be the sole representative of the Graduate School of Social Work;

Whereas, Sen. Martinez was appointed to the Children's Learning Center Advisory Board on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, constituting a two-year term, and gardening 23 aye votes and 0 nay votes, where the senator advocated to have a more affordable way to provide resources to student-parents who are enrolled at the university, on top of providing important information to student-parents;

**Whereas,** Sen. Martinez was appointed to the Bookstore Advisory Committee on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and gardening 20 aye votes and 0 nay votes, to assist in supporting bringing accessibility of academic resources to graduate and professional students at the University of Houston;

**Whereas,** Senator Martinez provided the Student Government Association Senate with information on how to have more professional development opportunities and volunteering opportunities to be involved on campus;

Whereas, Senator Martinez who is also the Founder and President of Coog Student Parents collaborated with the Children's Learning Center, and the Women & Gender Resource Center to host "Little Cougar Clothing Closet", on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, to help student-parents and their families have access to free children's clothes;

**Whereas,** the GCSW senator hosted a tabling event for the Student Government Association letting the Graduate School of Social Work students meet the representative of the college, on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

Whereas, Sen. Martinez is finalizing her academic journey at the University of Houston at the Graduate School of Social Work with a Masters in Social work on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Recognizes the hard work and diligence Senator Tabbitha "Tabbi" Martinez has provided to her constituents of the Graduate College of Social Work and to the student body of the University of Houston;

**Be it further resolved,** Sen. Martinez will leave an impression within the Student Government Association of being an advocate for student-parents, and being a champion for equity and accessibility;

**LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT,** the University of Houston Student Government Association recognizes and congratulates Sen. Tabbitha "Tabbi" Martinez on all her wonderful accomplishments, and contributions to her constituency & the SGA.

Tavagoh Cockrell Speaker of the Senate Date of Senate Approval: \_

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