



**House of Student Representatives
108th Session
Texas Christian University**

Introduced By: Lauren Denham

H.R. 108-09

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Action Taken: Passed 82.6%

“A Resolution to Encourage TCU Faculty to Include Native American Land Acknowledgements on All Course Syllabi”

Whereas: Wichita and Affiliated Tribes lived in the region spanning from Waco, Texas to Kansas, including the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, and the Caddo confederacy as well as other tribes also resided in the DFW metroplex, and

Whereas: In April of 2021, a TCU approved Land Acknowledgement statement was created by Native American Advisory Circle in November 2020 and approved by the TCU Chancellor’s Cabinet in April 2021, and

Whereas: The Land Acknowledgment reflects TCU’s emerging respect for Native American peoples and commitment to build a positive future by empowering Native Americans on our campus while creating mutually beneficial, respectful relationships with Native American nations and communities, and

Whereas: The Land Acknowledgment helps remind and educate the TCU community about the long and diverse presence of Native Americans who precede and co-exist with our presence in this area, and

Whereas: This statement serves as an invitation for individual and institutional reflection and a call to action, and

Whereas: A Land Acknowledgement in an educational setting, like a syllabus, could lead to constructive conversations about the impact of colonization on indigenous people, and

Whereas: Land Acknowledgments are a productive step forward in continuing a relationship with local native American tribes and promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on our campus, and

Whereas: Syllabi are a centralized location that will allow for every student to have the opportunity to view the acknowledgment; therefore,

Let it be resolved by the House of Student Representatives at Texas Christian University:

- (1) That the House of Student Representatives at Texas Christian University encourages faculty to include TCU’s Native American Land Acknowledgement in all course syllabi.



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Speaker of the House

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