

RESOLUTION**TO STRONGLY OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 27 OF THE 2009 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

WHEREAS, House Bill 27 of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session, also known as "The Gun Bill," was filed by State Representative Ernest Wooton of Belle Chase, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 27 authorizes concealed handgun permit holders to carry concealed weapons on campuses of colleges, universities, and postsecondary vocational-technical schools, and

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association of Nicholls State University understands and respects the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, as a long standing part of reasonable and safe practice, federal, state and local laws have been adopted which prohibit the carrying of weapons into governmental buildings including legislative, court, school and other well recognized public institutions, and

WHEREAS, the University has a fully commissioned police agency whose job is to protect the students from harm and violence, and

WHEREAS, the University has mutual aid assistance agreements and participates in training with area law enforcement agencies including the State Police, and

WHEREAS, the University has implemented a comprehensive education, threat identification and response program, and a comprehensive campus communication program, and

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association of Nicholls State University recognizes that the entire campus community must work daily to prevent a tragic shooting, like the one which occurred at Virginia Tech, from ever occurring on a Louisiana campus, and

WHEREAS, the University community must remain an open theater for spirited debate and discussion, a community where students can experience success and failure as well as open, honest, free from fear, discussion that is critical to the educational experience offered Nicholls students, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 27 will likely result in guns being brought to campus by individuals other than trained law enforcement officials thereby creating a campus atmosphere which thwarts the aims and purposes of higher education institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Student Government Association of Nicholls State University strongly opposes House Bill 27 of the 2009 Regular Legislative Session, also know as "The Gun Bill," and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Bobby Jindal and the following State Senators and Representatives, President of the Senate Joel T. Chaisson, II., Senator Jody Amedee, Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr., Senator D. A. "Butch" Gautreaux, Speaker of the House Jim Tucker, Representative Elton M. Aubert, Representative Damon J. Baldone, Representative Gordon E. Dove, Sr., Representative Jerry "Truck" Gisclair, Representative Joe Harrison, Representative Sam Jones, Representative Nickie Monica, Representative Jerome "Dee" Richard, and Representative Karen Gaudet St. Germain.

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THE ABOVE "GUN BILL" RESOLUTION WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON
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