

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FIFTY-THIRD SESSION**

**BILL NO. 53-11**

**INTRODUCED BY: Al-Borgol**

**SECONDED BY: Noffsinger**

**A RESOLUTION TO:** Urge Michigan State University to join the IIE Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

WHEREAS, The Syrian Civil War is in its fifth year, and there is no indication that a peaceful resolution to the conflict is forthcoming. Hundreds of thousands of Syrians have died, and millions have fled the country. The ongoing conflict has created over 4 million refugees, not to mention those who have lost their lives fleeing to neighboring countries; and,

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of Syrian scholars and students are among those displaced as part of an “academic emergency” as systems of higher education collapse in Syria; and,

WHEREAS, The Institution of International Education (IIE) has created a consortium of institutions of higher education that “have committed support for Syrian students and scholars, primarily in the form of full and partial scholarships; and,

WHEREAS, Dozens of American colleges and universities – including Bard College, Boston University, Colorado State University, De Paul University, Illinois State University, Notre Dame School of Law, Tufts University, University of California-Davis, University of Colorado, and others – have taken up this charge by joining the IIE Syria’s Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis and thereby commit to offer scholarships and spaces to Syrian students and scholars fleeing for their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Providing opportunity for learners from all backgrounds is a stated goal of Michigan State University; and,

WHEREAS, That upon joining the IIE Syrian Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis, members of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees, as well as administrators, including, but not limited to, members of the Office of Financial Aid, should devise an action plan to raise funds for the creation of a scholarship specifically for Syrian students displaced by conflict; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) urges and calls upon Michigan State University to join the IIE Syria Consortium for Higher Education in Crisis by providing tuition assistance,

partial or full scholarships, or professional fellowships to Syrian students displaced by conflict.

INTRODUCED ON \_\_\_\_\_ 09/15/2016 \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED TO \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_ Sent to GA \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 09/15/2016 \_\_\_\_\_

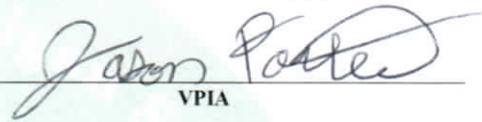
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