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- A resolution supporting a half-cent sales tax to support higher education in Ohio

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Whereas, tuition rates at Ohio's public universities are amongst the highest in the nation; and

Whereas, between 1998 and 2003, enrollment at Ohio's public universities increased by 54,000 students; and

Whereas, between 1998 and 2003, state subsidies for Ohio's public universities were reduced on eight occasions totaling \$350 million in cuts; and

Whereas, these budget cuts have compelled Ohio's institutions of higher learning to raise tuition and cut academic programs; and

Whereas, the dedicated half-cent Ohio sales tax proposed by The University of Toledo President Dan Johnson has the potential to cut tuition rates in half or by about \$3,500 annually per student; and

Whereas, The University of Toledo students would greatly benefit from reduced tuition and expanded academic offerings;

Therefore let it be resolved, that the Student Senate, on behalf of the student community, supports the establishment of a half-cent sales tax in Ohio to support higher education; and

Furthermore let it be resolved, that Student Senate offers its sincerest thanks and appreciation to The University of Toledo President Dan Johnson for his bold leadership in fighting for Ohio's public universities and their students.