Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill. 17-18, 30* }

An Act Granting Funding to the April 20th Walkout

Introduced By: President **Anthony Boutros** this **17th** day of **April** in the Year **2018**

Sponsored By: Senator **Lauren Paulet** of the **Freshman** Class

Senator **Aspen Williams** of the **Freshman** Class

Referred to the senate by the **Committee on Finance** which recommends its **Passage/failure** by a vote of **X** to **X** and the Committee on Civic Engagement by a Vote of X to X.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

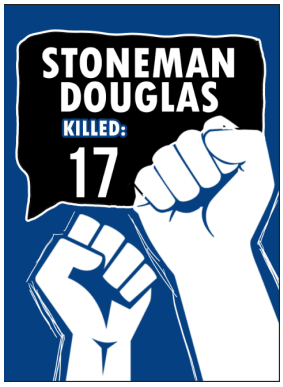
This Act may be referred to as the "April 20th Violence Prevention Demonstration Act," or the "Columbine Memorial Act."

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
(b) JHU, Hopkins - The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to the Johns Hopkins University.
(c) Columbine — The term "Columbine" shall refer to the deadline school shooting that massacred 15 students on April 20th, 1999.
(d) Ballots Not Bullets — The term "Ballots Not Bullets" shall refer to a student activist organization that addresses the issues of gun violence and reform on campus, in concordance with the March For Our Lives Movement.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS
  (1) The year 2018 marks a seminal year in student organization and activist movements on campus and throughout the country.
  (2) After the murder of 17 Students and Staff members Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida on February 14, 2018, students across the country mobilized to protest gun violence, a uniquely American epidemic that claims lives daily, from street corners to places of worship to places of entertainment to schools and more.
  (3) Nationwide, these movements include, but are not limited to:
    a. The March 14th student walkout;
    b. The March 24th March for Our Lives in Washington D.C.; and
    c. The April 20th student walkout.
  (4) Hopkins students also mobilized alongside students across the country:
    a. Over 200 students, staff, and faculty attended the March 14th student walkout, demanding common sense violence prevention measures on campus;
    b. Over 70 students and faculty used Hopkins provided transportation to attend the March for Our Lives rally in Washington D.C on March 24th, 2018.
  (5) April 20th marks another student led mobilization in this movement, and Hopkins students will rise alongside students across the country again to demand common sense violence prevention measures.
(b) PURPOSES
  (1) This act provides funding for the April 20th Columbine Memorial and Day of Action event:
    a. Beginning at 10 a.m. the event will occur in unison with various nationwide walkouts in remembrance of the Columbine Shooting in 1999.
    b. A total of 60 posters will be laid out on the JHU Hodson Quad with the names of schools affected by school shootings since Columbine.
    c. The poster graphics will include the school name and a number of victims fallen as a result of gun violence at the respective schools (see sample poster below)

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d. The poster would be later preserved and stored by the Ballots Not Bullets faculty advisor to be utilized at future ralles, walkouts and activism events.
e. A brief and individualized reading detailing various shootings will be presented as students browse the posters displayed.
f. Two tables will be placed on the Hodson Quad, manned by Ballots Not Bullets members who will distribute postage stamps and envelopes to students, in an effort to encourage our students to mail their elected officials demanding violence prevention measures.
g. Students, staff, and faculty will be invited to demand #NeverAgain.

SECTION 4. FUNDING.

(a) 60 posters to be printed at the DMC:
    a. Each 17" by 22" matte poster costs $7.
    b. $7*60= $420.00.
(b) 100 postage stamps:
    a. $0.49 per postage stamp
    b. $0.49*100 = $49.00
(c) 100 envelopes
    a. $8.07 for a box of 100 envelopes
(d) Total: $480.00
(e) SGA is asked to fund the Columbine Memorial and Day of Action Event with $480.00.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. In addition, the organizers will attempt to seek half of the funds from the Dean of Student Life Office. In the case that the Dean of Student Life agrees to fund the event with $240.00, the SGA will be reimbursed for $240.00 and will only be responsible for $240.00 of the cost.

THE BILL HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **X** TO **X** WITH **X** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON PASSAGE, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS BILL INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE BILL'S ADOPTION AS LAW.

Signatures of Enactment:

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AJ Tsang
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Noh Mebrahtu
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Rushabh Doshi
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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Anthony Boutros
President of the Sophomore Class Council

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Lauren Paulet
Senator of the Freshman Class Council

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Aspen Williams
Senator of the Freshman Class Council