



**Student Government Resolution 116.031**  
**A Resolution in Recognition of Caitlyn Bess**  
**Sponsored by Student Government President, Molly Turner**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Caitlyn Christine Bess is a Truman Leader Scholar who will graduate with a Public Communication major and Philosophy and Religion minor at Truman State University; and
- Caitlyn was named the 2015-2016 Public Communication “Student of the Year” by the Communication Department; and
- This past academic year, Caitlyn served on the Student Government as the Legislative Director and as an Associate Senator; and
- Caitlyn has been actively involved in other campus organizations such as Alpha Phi Omega (National co-ed Service Fraternity), Students for Middle East Peace as the President (SMEP), and Lambda Phi Eta (Communication Honors Society); and
- Caitlyn has worked in the Truman State University Public Relations Office as a Student Worker; and
- Although Caitlyn has been able to hold her GPA at a 4.0 which involves carrying her body weight five times over throughout an insane amount of group projects, if she can muster up the courage to resurrect the last group project of her entire undergraduate degree she will, I repeat, *will* graduate with a 4.0, ultimately residing as champion of incomparable senior/group project-itis, otherwise she will have one B on her transcript; and
- In the Spring of 2014, Caitlyn worked at Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida as a Character Performer, whereas Rafiki, she truly embodied her child/monkey like, ridiculousness paired with unwavering wisdom as she proudly sweat while greeting many Disney guests, and the more obvious match, performed shows dancing as Mrs. Incredible; and
- Continuing to avoid winter in Kirksville, during the Spring of 2015, Caitlyn participated in the Missouri State Senate Internship in Jefferson City, MO as an intern for President Pro Tempore Tom Dempsey; and

- In the Summer of 2014, Caitlyn studied abroad in Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank where she dug for two weeks on the ancient biblical archeological site of Bethsaida in Israel, which although told she was digging in “the Jesus time period,” she contributed to the finding of a modern Syrian bunker from a couple wars/years ago, and defended America and all her glory and freedom against a semi-crazy, semi-loveable red-headed Australian guy; and
- After listening to her roommate, Molly Turner, complain about Student Government affairs for literally 3 years, Caitlyn finally decided to join the fun to spice up her senior year of college; and
- For Caitlyn’s first semester of Student Government, she led by example to other members on the body as she gracefully completed all of her work in a time appropriate fashion, seeing as the Missouri General Assembly was not in session; and
- Caitlyn illustrated paramount insight on how to handle various matters of discussion and Missouri legislation, and their relation to Student Government and our campus; and
- Caitlyn successfully took over the Student Government 2016 gun-scare by planning an a student forum and debate which were both well attended; and
- Additionally, Caitlyn guided discussion over the resolution product of the gun-scare and helped the body arrive at what a majority would say was a fine resolution, indeed, by putting her raging, gun-loving self aside for the conscious of the people; and
- Overall, Caitlyn set the bar for the Legislative Director position extremely high, which will probably remain untouchable to her successor, but we’ll see; and
- Caitlyn will continue to serve God and her country following her graduation as a member of the Peace Corps in Morocco for the next two years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

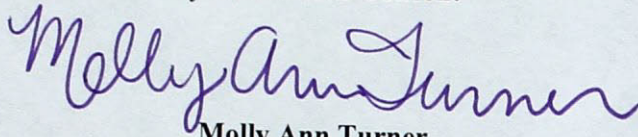
- That the Student Government applaud Caitlyn Christine Bess for remaining a true American pioneer through her dedicated commitment and loyalty to service on the Student Government of Truman State University \*insert applause here\*; and
- Wish Caitlyn Christine Bess the best of luck during her time in Morocco working for the Peace Corps; and
- Thanks Caitlyn Christine Bess for her brief, yet powerful presence to the Student Government, so that one day a future Student Government of Truman State University may be able to look to the stars, or to their television, and say, “Wow! That lovely woman who is a nationally renowned for her wits and career path success, who is a leading political worker involved with Middle Eastern affairs was once a member of our very same student, governing body. This is hope for us.”

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are distributed to Caitlyn and her parents.

**Passed on April 24, 2016**

**By Unanimous Consent**



**Molly Ann Turner**

**President of the Student Association**