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G.R. 78
A Resolution to Express Joint Support for the DREAM Act of 2017 with CUSG

1. Purpose: To express Clemson Graduate Student Senate in joint support with Clemson
2. Undergraduate Student Senate for petitioning the Clemson Board of Trustees and the
3. South Carolina Delegation to Congress to support the swift passage of the DREAM Act
4. of 2017.

5. Whereas, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program was
6. established in 2012 to protect immigrants who were brought into the country unlawfully
7. while under sixteen years of age from deportation, and

8. Whereas, to be eligible for DACA protection, an individual must be enrolled in school,
9. have a high school diploma or GED, or be honorably discharged from the Armed Forces
10. of the United States, and

11. Whereas, DACA recipients may not have been convicted of a felony, significant
12. misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and must not pose a threat to
13. national security or public safety, and

14. Whereas, nearly 800,000 people are protected under DACA, including over 6,400 South
15. Carolina community members and many Clemson students and members of the Clemson
16. Family, and

17. Whereas, the bipartisan Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors, or
18. DREAM, Act of 2017 was introduced by South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham and
19. would permanently protect DACA recipients from deportation with a pathway to
20. permanent legal status, and

21. Whereas, the DREAM Act would enable Clemson students (both graduate and
22. undergraduate) to continue to attend classes, pursue their education, keep their driver's
23. licenses, apply for and take on employment, remain enrolled in a health insurance policy,
24. and be eligible for in-state tuition, and
25. Whereas, The purpose of the Graduate Student Senate is to represent and promote the welfare of all graduate students thus it is GSG’s responsibility and obligation to support and advocate for all Clemson students, including those protected under DACA.

28. Therefore,

29. Be it Resolved by the Clemson Graduate Student Senate assembled in regular session the following:

31. That the Clemson Graduate Student Senate, in joint effort with Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate, calls upon Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Tim Scott, Representative Mark Sanford, Representative Joe Wilson, Representative Jeff Duncan, Representative Trey Gowdy, Representative Ralph Norman, Representative James Clyburn, and Representative Tom Rice to move immediately and unconditionally to pass the DREAM Act of 2017, and

37. That the Clemson Graduate Student Senate, in joint effort with Clemson Undergraduate Student Senate, calls upon the Clemson University Board of Trustees to take decisive action to encourage the passage of the DREAM Act of 2017.

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