The Saint Joseph’s University Student Senate received and acted upon the following resolution in due course and with proper procedure, and as such, has passed this expression of the resolution with a clearly plural majority:

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Lewis has dedicated his professional and personal life to improving the lives of millions of underrepresented groups within institutions and communities marked by inequality;

WHEREAS, Vice President Joseph Biden has proven himself a dedicated public servant to advance policies aimed at improving the general welfare of all Americans both at home and abroad;

WHEREAS, the three out of ten students within School District of Philadelphia do not graduate, with some individual schools witnessing only three out of ten students graduate;

WHEREAS, the Saint Joseph’s University’s student government seeks to reinforce the importance of the Jesuit pillar of education to our fellow men and women and foster a connection with our university;

WHEREAS, Saint Joseph’s University is the City of Philadelphia’s official Jesuit university;

Be it hereby resolved by the Saint Joseph’s University Student Senate:

Supports the creation of a Committee named in recognition of the decades of work and passion exhibited by the Honorable John Lewis and Vice President Joseph Biden;

Seeks to create the Lewis-Biden Committee to:

a. Establish a working relationship between the University Student Senate and neighboring schools to foster a sense of civic engagement and collaboration between the USS and local student governments;

b. Create and/or build relationships with existing student governments within the School District of Philadelphia; and,

Instructs the Committee to:

a. Be chaired by the Senate Secretary for Mission;

b. Serve as the spearhead for all Senate initiatives involving students enrolled in the School District of Philadelphia.

Herein and thereby accepted through the Saint Joseph’s University Student Senate President and Senators,

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President Jason M. D’Antonio