CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 14-15-26

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF STUDENT SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING

WHEREAS, Under current Indiana University Police Department Code, the Indiana University Police Department, hereby referred to as "the Department" offers self-defense classes to female students solely,

WHEREAS, According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, one out of ten victims of rape are male,

WHEREAS, Contrary to popular belief, rape is not a male problem or a female problem – it is a societal problem,

WHEREAS, The best way to address issues of campus safety is to include the entire campus in the discussion and prevention of violence,

WHEREAS, In the unfortunate case that a sexual assault or rape is not prevented by education or other means, self-defense can prevent a tragedy from occurring,

WHEREAS, All students of the university should be afforded the opportunity to protect themselves from assailants,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Student Body Congress supports a change which would result in the Department offering their Rape Aggression Defense and IUPD2 programs, both of which focus on self-defense in cases of attack or sexual assault, to both men and women.

FURTHER RESOLVED the classes aforementioned shall be separated based on gender if the participants or Department deem it as necessary or within good conscience to do so.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in part of their regular marketing or outreach initiatives, the Department shall strive to alert students and staff to this change, including at Freshman Orientation,

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Congress, at the end of each school year, shall request that The Department shall deliver a report detailing the number of classes completed and the number of students who participated in those classes, with information regarding the demographics of said students, including their gender, residency (on-campus, off-campus, Greek life), and year, omitting any names or other identifying information.

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