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At its special session of March 17, 1997, the Academic Senate unanimously approved the following Sense-of-the-Senate Resolution presented by Dominique Van Hooff for the Executive Committee.

SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT CONGRESSMAN GERALD SOLOMON FROM NEW YORK

COME TO SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEBATE

Whereas, Congressman Gerald Solomon from New York wrote the provision in Federal Law that would deny federal funds to universities for dissociation with ROTC; and

Whereas, It is a fundamental principle both of academic institutions like San Jose State University as well as Parliamentary bodies like the U.S. Congress that controversial issues should be vigorously debated in public settings, so that the strengths and weaknesses of arguments may be exposed and so that the public may become better informed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of San Jose State University invites Congressman Solomon to

come to our campus to debate the proposition: "Resolved, that the Solomon Amendment should be repealed"; and

Resolved, Should Congressman Solomon be willing to participate in this debate, that the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate is authorized to negotiate format, time, and participants with Congressman Solomon; and

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be distributed to Congressman Solomon as well as any media outlets that might be interested in broadcasting such a debate.