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Second Reading: November 29, 2016
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Fail:
Other:

Bill 14-16-F. Funding for the Jonesville Scholarship.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to allocate \$750.00 to create the Jonesville Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship fund for incoming African American students who graduated from the Warren County Public School System or Bowling Green School System.

WHEREAS: Our university exists in tandem with the rest of the communities in which WKU campuses are located, and

WHEREAS: We are obligated to recognize the importance of our connection to the Bowling Green community and the contributions it has made to this university, and

WHEREAS: For decades, the African American community in Bowling Green has witnessed demolition of housing and displacement of residents due to commercial or university expansion, and

WHEREAS: The residents of Jonesville, a historically African American neighborhood, were forced to disperse and abandon their homes in order for WKU to expand in 1963, and

WHEREAS: Before the expansion, Jonesville housed its own economy with predominantly black business owners, and

WHEREAS: Jonesville also provided apartments to black students prior to WKU's integration of housing in the 1960s, and

WHEREAS: We are indebted as a university to this community for encouraging inclusion before university policies did, and

WHEREAS: A total of \$750 in funding will come from Senate Discretionary and be placed in a new fund specifically for the distribution of the Jonesville Memorial Scholarship, and

WHEREAS: Eligibility for the scholarship will be limited to first-year African American WKU students, who may be freshmen (in year or credit hour) or transfer students, and

WHEREAS: Students may apply within their first year of attendance at WKU, and

WHEREAS: The Senate Student Affairs Committee shall determine how many recipients will receive scholarship funding per year, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will allocate \$750.00 to create the Jonesville Memorial Scholarship, a scholarship for incoming African American students who graduated from the Warren County Public School system or the Bowling Green School system.

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