

SGA Resolution 03-07 F

A resolution petitioning MTSU Administration to actively lobby the Tennessee General Assembly to allow students, professors, and other university employees who obtain a Tennessee carry permit to carry their firearm on campus.

Whereas: It was with great sadness that the students, faculty, and staff of Middle Tennessee State University learned of the shooting deaths of 32 students and professors at Virginia Tech in Spring 2006, by former student Cho Seung Hui;

Whereas: The United States Constitution states that it is "the right of the people to keep and bear arms" under the Second Amendment;

Whereas: Tennessee state law currently disallows persons with Tennessee carry permits from carrying their firearm on state property, including the campus of MTSU;

Whereas: Utah Code allows persons who obtain a carry permit from that state to carry their firearm on college campuses under Title 53B, Chapter 3, Section 103;

Whereas: Those persons who enter a college campus or any location with the intent to physically harm other innocent persons will disregard established laws set in place in order to carry out such action;

Whereas: Law-abiding citizens must be equipped to defend themselves and others against individuals who intend to circumvent the law to harm others.

Therefore, be it resolved by the 70th Congress of the Student Government Association of Middle Tennessee State University that:

- (a) The Administration actively petition the Tennessee General Assembly to repeal relevant sections of T.C.A. 39-17-13 which disallow persons with Tennessee carry permits to carry firearms on college campuses.
- (b) A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the Rutherford County delegation to the Tennessee General Assembly (Sens. Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy and Reps. Donna Rowland, Kent Coleman, John Hood, and Curt Cobb).

Sponsored by: Senator Hurtt

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