

Re: SQ755 -

**Subject:** Re: SQ755 -  
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**Date:** Sun, 21 Nov 2010 04:47:22 -0600  
**To:** "Micheal Salem, P.C." <msalem@msalemlaw.com>

Dear Mr. Salem,

I am doing very well and I hope you are, too.

Thank you for taking an interest in the UOSA Student Congress and our resolution. I am very proud of it and pleased to share it. The PDF is attached, but you may also find it here:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/42577044/UOSA-Student-Congress-International-and-Sharia-Law-Resolution>

Congressional Resolution 840411 expresses the opinion of the UOSA Undergraduate Student Congress on the matter of State Question 755. The Student Congress condemns the passage of SQ755 and supports a nullification of the law.

Many students at the University of Oklahoma are troubled by SQ 755; some of their concerns are articulated in the resolution. There are numerous problems with SQ 755, but we focused on the following issues: the fact that our legal system and Constitution were inspired by foreign laws and ideology, the right to religious freedom enshrined in the First Amendment, the ramifications of restricting our court system from being familiar with laws of other countries and cultures, the consequences for international business and trade, and the possible negative impact on Native American Tribal law.

There has been much ballyhoo on the Sharia law aspect of the so-called "Save our State" amendment, but for us, the International law portion is of more consequence, especially for the globalized community in Norman.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, but no debate, the resolution passed with twenty-three in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and two abstentions. While the resolution has no binding power, hopefully others will be motivated to join us in rebuking SQ 755.

If there is anything I can do to be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me!

Best of luck,

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On Sat, Nov 20, 2010 at 9:50 PM, Micheal Salem, P.C. <msalem@msalemlaw.com> wrote:

Ms. Daitch:

I hope you are well. I am an attorney working toward a federal court action to declare SQ 755 unconstitutional.

I understand that you authored and sponsored a Resolution with the University of Oklahoma Student Congress condemning SQ755.

Could you please provide me with an e-mail and an electronic PDF copy of the Resolution? I would ask that you specifically identify and describe it in



the response.

I very much appreciate your assistance.

Regards,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION LXXXIV

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 840411

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution condemning Oklahoma State Question 755;  
supporting the nullification of State Question 755; providing  
an effective date; and directing distribution.

- Whereas: Oklahoma State Question 755 forbids courts in Oklahoma from considering or using international law or Sharia law; and,
- Whereas: The Constitution of the United States of America was influenced by various sources including the Magna Carta of 1215, English Common Law, the laws of the Roman Republic, and the writings of Montesquieu and John Locke; and,
- Whereas: SQ755 unnecessarily restricts courts in circumstances where a court case cannot be decided by precedence or lack of specific laws governing a situation; and,
- Whereas: By singling out Islam, State Question 755 elevates other religions and traditions thus rendering it unconstitutional; and,
- Whereas: SQ 755 may impede progress toward the University of Oklahoma's goals to internationalize the campus and to prepare students for work and engagement in our increasingly global society,
- Whereas: SQ 755 unnecessarily targets Muslims and their beliefs, as well as the international community; and,
- Whereas: Since the Native American tribes in Oklahoma govern themselves and have treaties with the federal government, State Question 755 will inadvertently impact tribal relations in Oklahoma; and,
- Whereas: The implementation of State Question 755 will harm the Oklahoma economy and businesses since many companies have contracts that rely on international law and treaties; and,
- Whereas: The title given to State Question 755- the "Save Our State" amendment- implies that there is a threat from the Muslim and international community in Oklahoma; and,
- Whereas: The passage of Sate Question 755 portrays the state of Oklahoma as xenophobic and Islamophobic; and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS THAT:

- Section 1:** The UOSA Student Congress condemns the implementation of State Question 755 and encourages members of the University of Oklahoma community to condemn it, as well.

- Section 2:** The UOSA Student Congress supports the nullification of State Question 755.
- Section 3:** This act shall become effective when passed in accordance with the UOSA Constitution.
- Section 4:** Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to:  
The Honorable Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma  
The Honorable Mary Fallin, U.S. Representative and Governor-elect of Oklahoma  
Mr. David L. Boren, President of the University of Oklahoma  
Dr. Zach P. Messitte, Vice Provost International Program Center  
Dr. Mark Frazier, Director of the School of International and Area Studies  
Senator John Sparks, OK Senate District 16  
Representative-elect Emily Virgin, OK House District 44  
Muneer Awad, Executive Director of CAIR OK  
University of Oklahoma Muslims Student Association  
University of Oklahoma Native American Student Association  
Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission  
*The Norman Transcript*  
*The Oklahoma Daily*  
*The Daily Oklahoman*

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Submitted on a Motion by:

Action taken by Congress:

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_