

**Bill 5-17-F**

**A Bill for the Student Government Association to Recite the True Blue Pledge to open Senate meetings**

**Whereas:** Article V, Section 5 states that "The Senate shall establish its own by-laws, and shall be the judge of its own rules and procedure. "

**Whereas:** The True Blue Pledge was written by The President's Campus Nonviolence Committee after the death of a Lady Raider basketball player, Tina Stewart, to condemn acts of violence and to celebrate the diversity of the MTSU campus community.

**Whereas:** The True Blue Pledge covers four main core values and expectations of being a member of the MTSU Community as follows: Honesty and Integrity, Respect for Diversity, Engagement in the Community, and Commitment to Nonviolence.

**Whereas:** The True Blue Pledge reads:

"I am True Blue. As a member of this diverse community, I am a valuable contributor to its progress and success. I am engaged in the life of this community. I am a recipient and a giver. I am a listener and a speaker. I am honest in word and deed. I am committed to reason, not violence. I am a learner now and forever. I am a Blue Raider. True Blue."

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 80 TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** Amend Article IX, Section 1 to state:

"Section 1: The following shall become the order in which the Senate conducts business:

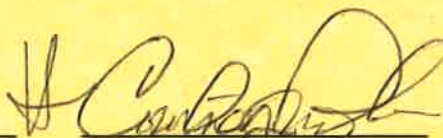
- A. Call to Order
- B. Special Guest Speakers
- C. Roll Call
- D. Reading of the True Blue Pledge
- E. Reading of the Minutes
- G. ...."

**Section 2:** The fourth order of business at the start of a formal meeting of the Student Government Association, all Senators, Executive Board members, or any individual present will recite the True Blue Pledge to open the meeting.

**Sponsor:** Seth Harrell



**Speaker of the Senate**



**SGA President**



**VP of Student Affairs**