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## Statement on the 241st Anniversary of our Nation's Independence

**Austin, Texas** - University Democrats would like to extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to our nation's brave men and women in uniform who, each day, fight to defend this shining city on a hill that we call home. We remember and honor those members of our nation's armed forces who have fallen in defense of our nation, our families, and our lives.

University Democrats issued the following statement:

"Each year, on July 4th, we reflect on the long struggle whose eventual end signaled the birth of our nation. These past two centuries, our nation has struggled. We faced numerous conflicts, both internal and external. We engaged in national debates over a diverse range of controversial issues. Amidst all the struggles, conflicts, and debates, we grew as a nation.

For two-hundred years our nation and people have endured. Independence Day is a celebration of that endurement; it's a reminder of the promise we made and responsibility we bear as Americans.

Today, we reflect on our past experiences and resolve to push forward the ideas onto which our nation was founded. We vow to keep alive that profoundly unique American spirit our forefathers entrusted to us all those years ago."

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