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1 S.A. Resolution #46
2 Supporting the Creation of an Official Cornell Mascot

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4 ABSTRACT: This resolution recommends the recognition of Touchdown the Bear as the official
5 mascot of Cornell University.

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8 **Sponsored by: Justin Selig '17 and Noah Chovanec '18**

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10 **Whereas**, school traditions connect Cornellians and create a strong sense of community for
11 students and alumni alike;

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13 **Whereas**, Cornell athletic teams have been a source of pride and tradition for generations of
14 Cornellians;

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16 **Whereas**, Cornell currently does not have an official mascot;

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18 **Whereas**, in 1916 the Cornell varsity football team collected \$25 to buy a black bear cub, which they
19 named Touchdown, to serve as a mascot;

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21 **Whereas**, since that day, Touchdown the Bear has served as the de facto mascot of Cornell
22 University;

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24 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly urge President Pollack and the Board of Trustees
25 to declare Touchdown the Bear the official mascot of Cornell University;

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27 **Respectfully Submitted,**

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36 Justin Selig '17
37 *College of Engineering Representative, Student Assembly*

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39 Noah Chovanec '18
40 *School of Industrial and Labor Relations Representative, Student Assembly*

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42 Dale Barbaria '19
43 *Chair, Academic Policy Committee*

¹ Foote, John H. Touchdown: The Story of the Cornell Bear. Ithaca: Cornell University, 2008. Print. ISBN 061519561X



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- 60 *Reviewed by: Academic Policy Committee, 9-0-0, 04/30/2017*