As the nation continues to mourn the unjust murders of innocent Black individuals across the country, the Hispanic Law Student Association at the University of Houston Law Center stands in solidarity with the Black Law Student Association and the Black community nationwide.

We condemn the continued oppression of Black communities and the systemic racism that plagues our country. In addition to George Floyd, a former resident of our city of Houston, other individuals including, Breonna Taylor and David McAtee of Louisville, Kentucky, Tony McDade of Tallahassee, Florida, and Atatiana Jefferson of Fort Worth, Texas are only a few of the countless victims who have been senselessly killed by police officers in recent history. We say their names as a tribute to their legacy and as a reminder that we must continue to fight against the persistent history of racial injustice.

It is the mission of the UHLC chapter of HLSA to uphold diversity and promote the success of minority students at law school and in the legal community. The onus is on us, as allies and individuals to confront the pervasive racism rooted within and beyond our own communities. HLSA is committed to fostering dialogue within our community, to listen, and to learn in order to ensure that we are creating a safe and inclusive environment for all Black lives.

Amid widespread unrest, we offer ourselves as a resource to the Black Law Student Association, as well as the overall Black community, in any and every way possible. HLSA extends our sincerest condolences to the victims of these tragedies, their families and loved ones, and Black lives everywhere.

Black lives matter. Today and every day.

In solidarity,

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