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8 RENAMING THE MULTIPURPOSE ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL
9 EDUCATION COMPLEX AT ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY THE JOE L. REED
10 ACADOME.
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12 WHEREAS, in 1991, the Alabama State University Board
13 of Trustees adopted the following resolution recognizing the
14 many contributions made by Dr. Joe L. Reed to ASU and honoring
15 Dr. Reed by naming the ASU Academic and Physical Education
16 Complex the Joe L. Reed Acadome:

17 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed, having entered
18 Alabama State University in 1958, distinguished himself as
19 president of the Junior Class, chief justice of the Student
20 Supreme Court, president of the Student Government
21 Association, chairman of its Constitution Committee, and as
22 one of the first students to lead the civil rights sit-in
23 movement in 1960; and

24 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed graduated from
25 Alabama State University in 1962, taught in the public schools
26 of Alabama, served as a student activities administrator at

1 Alabama State University, and received his master's degree
2 from Case Western Reserve University; and

3 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed served as
4 executive secretary of the Alabama State Teachers Association
5 (ASTA) from 1964 until the 1969 merger with the Alabama
6 Education Association (AEA); and since has served as associate
7 executive secretary of AEA; and

8 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed, as executive
9 secretary of ASTA and associate executive secretary of AEA,
10 has distinguished himself as a champion and fighter for
11 teacher and other employee rights in education, has held
12 numerous positions in the National Education Association
13 (NEA), having served on the Drafting Committee for the NEA
14 Constitution Convention, chairman of the Dushane Fund, the
15 national fund for protection of members' rights, and president
16 of the National Council of State Education Associations; and

17 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed has served as a
18 political reformer to advance and increase the number and
19 effectiveness of black political officeholder at the
20 municipal, county, state, and national levels since 1970 as
21 the chairman of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) and as
22 a member of the Montgomery City Council since 1975, has
23 represented Alabama at the Democratic National Convention in
24 1968, 1976, 1980, 1984, and 1988, and subsequent conventions,
25 and addressed that Convention in 1972 and 1984; and

1 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed was named by the
2 June 1991 issue of Business Alabama Monthly as one of the 10
3 most influential people in Alabama; and

4 "WHEREAS, in 1983 the Honorable Joe L. Reed drafted
5 the first Alabama Legislative Reapportionment Plan to be
6 approved by the Legislature, the Justice Department, and the
7 federal courts that increased black representation from 13 to
8 19 in the House of Representatives and from three to five in
9 the Senate. Largely through his work, Alabama has more black
10 elected officials than any other of these United States; and

11 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed drafted the
12 Reapportionment Plan that led to the first two blacks being
13 elected to the Alabama State Board of Education since 1874;
14 and

15 "WHEREAS, the Honorable Joe L. Reed has played a
16 significant role in electing many white persons of good will
17 to public office in Alabama; and

18 "WHEREAS, when the Legislature considered \$310
19 million in the 1985 Public School and College Authority bond
20 issue for capital outlay with only \$3 million allotted for the
21 Physical Education Complex, the Honorable Joe L. Reed, as a
22 member of the board of trustees for Alabama State University,
23 led the effort and persuaded Gov. George C. Wallace to commit
24 \$15 million to the allocation for Alabama State University and
25 made possible the realization of the multipurpose "Academic
26 and Physical Education Complex;" and

1 "WHEREAS, when the university was in need of
2 additional dormitories and had no available state funds, the
3 Honorable Joe L. Reed initiated, through Representative John
4 L. Buskey, District 77, a 1962 graduate of the university, and
5 Senator Charles Langford, District 26, and pushed through the
6 Legislature a bill authorizing the board of trustees to sell
7 construction bonds for Martin Luther King Jr. Hall and Bessie
8 Sears Estell Hall and additional bonds to supplement the \$12
9 million received in construction bonds for the multipurpose
10 complex; and

11 "WHEREAS, for more than 25 years the Honorable Joe
12 L. Reed has demonstrated loyalty, love and support for Alabama
13 State University by successfully fighting for increased
14 funding in the Alabama Legislature; supporting establishment
15 of a separate board of trustees; and maintaining a strong
16 commitment for Alabama State University's growth and
17 excellence; and

18 "WHEREAS, the board recognizes these unique
19 contributions of the Honorable Joe L. Reed to the university
20 and to the large society; and now therefore

21 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the board of
22 trustees for Alabama State University that the multipurpose
23 "Academic and Physical Education Complex" be named the "Joe
24 L. Reed Acadome.

25 "Adopted by the ASU board of trustees in its meeting
26 on Sept. 13, 1991, at Montgomery"; and

1 WHEREAS, the recognitions and commendations made by
2 the ASU Board of Trustees in its 1991 resolution in honor of
3 Dr. Reed are as valid today as they were in 1991; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Reed has made many additional positive
5 contributions to the betterment of ASU since the passage of
6 the 1991 ASU Board of Trustees' resolution, including the
7 following:

8 a. He worked diligently through the ASU president
9 and board members to successfully expand the campus in
10 Montgomery by 75 acres by acquiring the Bel Aire Community
11 stretching from Hall Street to Pineleaf Street and Carter Hill
12 Road to Interstate 85. As a result of the successful land
13 acquisition, the university was able to add several important
14 structures, including the School of Education building, the
15 Life Science building, the Maintenance Shop, and relocation of
16 the Nat King Cole Birthplace house.

17 b. He obtained a million dollars from the
18 Administration of Governor Don Siegelman, and while continuing
19 to work through the ASU president and board, provided the
20 means by which the university was able to purchase band
21 uniforms, build a weight room for the physical education and
22 athletic departments, and renovate the Human Resource Office
23 and the Board Cabinet Room in Council Hall.

24 c. He successfully persuaded the ASU president and
25 board to purchase the Southern Normal School properties in

1 Escambia County that consisted of 400 acres and eleven
2 buildings.

3 d. As Chair of the Board of Trustees' Committee on
4 Finance and Property, he initiated the first funding for
5 construction of the School of Education's new 95,000
6 square-foot building.

7 e. He saved ASU thousands of dollars by recommending
8 that the used bricks and building materials salvaged from the
9 demolition of certain buildings in the Bel Aire Community be
10 carried to the Southern Normal School to help repair existing
11 buildings on that campus, which practice exemplified sound
12 fiscal management of resources.

13 f. He was successful in obtaining additional monies
14 from state legislators for the purpose of renovating buildings
15 located on the Southern Normal campus.

16 g. He was successful in obtaining additional funding
17 that was needed by the university to jointly construct with
18 the Criminal Justice Center the current Forensic Sciences
19 Building. In obtaining this funding, Dr. Reed worked closely
20 and cooperatively with the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives, Mr. Jimmy Clark, and also with the Chair of
22 the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Bill Fuller, and ASU
23 graduate Representative John Knight.

24 h. He was successful in keeping ASU fiscally sound
25 during his chairmanship of the ASU Board and as chair of the
26 Committee on Finance and Property.

1 i. He has been an outstanding spokesman for and
2 representative of Alabama State University for over 50 years,
3 exceeding the expectations which could be made of any citizen,
4 and his unswerving loyalty, dedication, and promotion of
5 education at the ASU campus has been a great asset for all
6 citizens. In January 2009, Dr. Reed was named by the
7 Tuscaloosa News as one of Alabama's 12 most influential
8 citizens; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Academic and Physical
11 Education Complex on the campus of Alabama State University is
12 named the Joe L. Reed Acadome. Alabama State University
13 officials are instructed to take appropriate action to
14 implement this resolution. A copy of this resolution shall be
15 provided to the President and the Board of Trustees of Alabama
16 State University so that they are formally informed of our
17 expectations regarding this matter and our firm determination
18 to closely and fully monitor this situation.