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8 COMMENDING ANGELA Y. DAVIS.

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10 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
11 are herein proudly presented to Angela Y. Davis on her
12 significant contributions to social justice through her
13 activism and scholarship; and

14 WHEREAS, notably, her work as an educator, both at
15 the university level and in the larger public sphere, has
16 always emphasized the importance of building communities of
17 struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice; and

18 WHEREAS, over the course of her extensive career,
19 Professor Davis has taught at San Francisco State University,
20 Mills College, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Vassar, the Claremont
21 Colleges, and Stanford University; currently, she serves as a
22 Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness,
23 an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, and of Feminist Studies at
24 UC-Santa Cruz; and

25 WHEREAS, she has authored nine books and has
26 lectured throughout the United States as well as in Europe,

1 Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America; in recent years, a
2 persistent theme of her work has entailed the range of social
3 problems associated with incarceration and generalized
4 criminalization of those communities that are most affected by
5 poverty and racial discrimination; she draws upon her own
6 experiences in the early seventies as a person who spent 18
7 months in jail and on trial, after being placed on the FBI's
8 "Ten Most Wanted List"; her recent publications include
9 Abolition Democracy, Are Prisons Obsolete?, a new edition of
10 Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, and a collection
11 of essays titled The Meaning of Freedom; and

12 WHEREAS, Professor Davis is a founding member of
13 Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to the
14 dismantling of the prison industrial complex, and is
15 affiliated with Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization
16 based in Queensland, Australia, that works in solidarity with
17 women in prison; she is especially concerned with the general
18 tendency to devote more resources and attention to the prison
19 system than to educational institutions; and

20 WHEREAS, she will be honored by the Birmingham
21 Chapter NAACP for the 50th Anniversary for the Alabama Civil
22 Rights Movement; and

23 WHEREAS, through the years, Professor Davis has
24 earned respect for her tireless dedication and exceptional
25 abilities, and she has enriched the lives of many with her
26 fortitude and concern for humanity; her remarkable work

1 reflects immense honor upon the entire State of Alabama, and
2 she is truly deserving of special recognition; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Angela Y. Davis is highly
5 honored and commended, and this resolution is offered to her
6 in deepest admiration and appreciation, along with sincere
7 best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.