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8 HONORING PRESIDENT BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA AS HE LEAVES  
9 OFFICE AND RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS ROLE  
10 AS THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.  
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12 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2009, Barack Hussein Obama  
13 was inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States,  
14 becoming the fifth-youngest President and the first  
15 African-American President; and

16 WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama was born in Honolulu,  
17 Hawaii, on August 4, 1961; and

18 WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama graduated from  
19 Columbia University and Harvard Law School, where he was the  
20 first African-American President of the Harvard Law Review; in  
21 1985, Barack Hussein Obama moved to Chicago, Illinois, where  
22 he worked as a community organizer with low-income residents  
23 of Chicago's Roseland community an Atgold Gardens public  
24 housing development; Barack Hussein Obama was a Civil Rights  
25 Attorney in Chicago and taught Constitutional Law at the  
26 University of Chicago for more than a decade; and

1           WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama's work in the  
2           community and dedication to civil and constitutional rights  
3           led him to run for political office and he was elected in 1996  
4           to the Illinois State Senate as the representative from the  
5           Chicago neighborhood of Hyde Park; as a State Senator, Barack  
6           Hussein Obama was known for working in a bipartisan manner to  
7           pass legislation with respect to ethics reform, health care  
8           services, early childhood education programs, and an earned  
9           income tax credit for the working poor; and

10           WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama began his bid to  
11           become a United States Senator representing Illinois in 2003  
12           and was selected to give the keynote address at the 2004  
13           Democratic National Convention; Barack Hussein Obama was  
14           elected to the United States Senate in 2004 and quickly became  
15           known for his legislative work to support alternative energy  
16           sources, reform Senate rules with respect to lobbyists and  
17           gifts, improve benefits for veterans, and destroy weapons of  
18           mass destruction in Eastern Europe and Russia; and

19           WHEREAS, Barack Hussein Obama's election as  
20           President signified a milestone in the history of the United  
21           States, as he is the only African-American to hold that  
22           office; and

23           WHEREAS, having served as President of the United  
24           States for two terms, President Obama will be recorded in  
25           history as one of the most consequential presidents in recent  
26           history; he accomplished a great deal during his presidency;  
27           he led the country through a serious economic crisis, brought

1 the War in Iraq to an end, and enacted health care reform;  
2 Barack Obama did indeed change the country's trajectory, by  
3 doing pretty much what he said he would; and

4 WHEREAS, prior to 1965, only 100 African-Americans  
5 held elective office in all of the United States, and 52 years  
6 later, there are thousands of African-Americans in such  
7 offices, including the President; and, it is with great pride  
8 that we pay tribute to a most public-spirited citizen and  
9 leader whose enormous civic energy is a matter of record; now  
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we do hereby honor President  
13 Barack Hussein Obama and the historic significance of his  
14 becoming the first African-American President of the United  
15 States.