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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.