

**THE MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN**

**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CURRENT UNIVERSITY NAME**

**THIS RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

*Urging the university president, Dr. Claudia Limbert; the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; the Honorable Governor of the State of Mississippi, Haley Barbour; and the Honorable Members of the Mississippi State Legislature to preserve the current name of the first state supported institution of higher learning for women, which is also the first of its kind in the nation; and to fully support and enforce its specific mission: to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate education for women and men in a variety of liberal arts and professional programs, while maintaining its historic commitment to academic and leadership development for women; Further, urging all involved parties to fully collaborate to promote the university and its women's-focused mission by all available means in order to achieve optimal success and the removal of all barriers to the advancement of women in every aspect of our society.*

**Whereas**, Mississippi University for Women has the distinction of being the first public institution of higher learning for women in the United States with a long and remarkable history of leadership and the accomplishment of many "firsts" for women; and

**Whereas**, Mississippi University for Women maintains its legislatively mandated and singular mission of academic and leadership development for women; recognizes the equal rights of both sexes to the benefit of the best, most varied system of higher education that the State can supply; and acknowledges that an element of diversity has characterized much of American education and enriched much of American life; and

**Whereas**, Mississippi University for Women achieved peak enrollment levels within the last decade under the current name; and

**Whereas**, Mississippi University for Women has been repeatedly recognized nationally as a university with a reputation for academic excellence, and has been consistently cited by U.S. News and World Report as one of the nation's best colleges and universities, and ranked by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine as among the best public colleges in America; and

**Whereas**, the thousands of degrees awarded by Mississippi University for Women have significant intrinsic value to the alumnae/i who hold them, and changing the name would in essence deprive graduates of a continuing and permanent connection to their alma mater; and

**Whereas**, the name Mississippi University for Women offers the most viable opportunity for advancing its women's-focused mission while providing a quality education for men; and

**Whereas**, Mississippi University for Women has admitted men since 1982 with no heretofore proclamation or resolution from men (or women) graduates requesting a change from the current name; and


**Whereas**, Mississippi University for Women as a public institution has an obligation to be a responsible steward of taxpayers' dollars and resources, and it is more fiscally responsible to market the institution as it is currently named rather than undertaking a vast and costly taxpayer-funded effort to rename, establish and market a totally unknown name and identity;

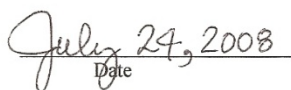
**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that The Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association re-affirms its support and endorsement for the university as it is currently named; and

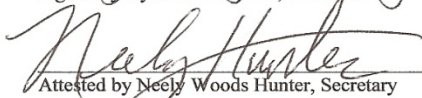
**Be It Further Resolved** that The Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association urges all vested parties to work in concert to achieve maximum success for this historic and unique institution.

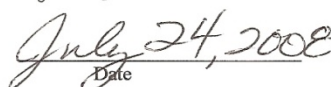
**Adopted**, this the twenty-fourth day of July in the year 2008 by the duly elected Board of Directors of The Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association in special session assembled by conference call.

**Witness** the signature of Kym Golden Gore, duly elected President, attested by Neely Woods Hunter, duly elected Secretary, of The Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association on behalf of The Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association Board of Directors and the members of the original and historic Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association.

  
Signed by Kym Golden Gore, President

  
Date

  
Attested by Neely Woods Hunter, Secretary

  
Date

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Record of Attendance

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President: Kym Golden Gore '97	--	Present & Voting
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Secretary: Neely Woods Hunter '95	--	Present & Voting
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Betty Ruth Henry Hawkins '75	--	Present & Voting
Del Oehms Hamilton '84	--	Present & Voting
Jenny Katool '78	--	Present & Voting
Brenda Hardaway Lathan '77	--	Abstained from Meeting due to Conflict
Jimmie Meese Moomaw '58	--	Present & Voting
Thomas "Mack" Spencer '97	--	Present & Voting
Amy Johnson Davis '93	--	Present & Voting
Beverly Koch Jones '57	--	Present & Voting

  
Signed by Neely W. Hunter '95, Secretary

  
Date