

## MISSISSIPPI'S FIRST ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RE-BRANDING AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO A NAME CHANGE

#### **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 including re-branding as a viable alternative to changing the name.

**Whereas**, Mississippi's First Alumnae Association, formerly known as The Mississippi University for Women Alumnae Association, and supporting Mississippi University for Women continuously since 1889, reaffirms its previous resolution in support of the current name of Mississippi University for Women passed on July 24, 2008; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Limbert announced on August 10, 2009, that she has chosen Reneau University as the proposed new name of Mississippi University for Women; and

**Whereas**, the proposed name change must be approved by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning before being presented to the Mississippi Legislature, with whom the constitutional authority to make such a change resides; and

**Whereas**, Mississippi's First Alumnae Association supports re-branding The W as a viable alternative to changing the name of the historic institution; and

**Whereas**, Re-branding can provide a more cost-effective and less divisive approach to increasing enrollment at The W;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Mississippi's First Alumnae Association re-affirms its support and endorsement for the university as it is currently named; and supports re-branding as a viable alternative to changing the name: and

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

**Adopted**, this the eleventh day of August in the year 2009 by the duly elected Board of Directors of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association in special session assembled by conference call.

**Witness** the signature of Anghaarad Teague Dees, duly elected President, attested by Barbara White, duly elected Secretary, of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association, on behalf of Mississippi's First Alumnae Association Board of Directors and the members of the original and historic Mississippi's First Alumnae Association on this seventeenth day of August in the year 2009.



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Signed by Anghaarad Teague Dees, President



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Attested by Barbara White, Secretary

Mississippi's First Alumnae Association Executive Committee

President: Anghaarad Teague Dees '95  
President-elect: Lillian Harris Wade '68  
Vice President: Neely Woods Hunter '95  
Secretary: Barbara White '75  
Treasurer: Deborah Stockman Hodges '90  
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Augustus "Gus" Argrett '02  
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Jimmie Meese Moomaw '58  
Thomas "Mack" Spencer '97  
Josephine Bennett Tierce '50  
Beverly Koch Jones '57

Record of Attendance

Mississippi's First Alumnae Association  
Executive Committee

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| President: Angharad Teague Dees '95           | Not present, not voting |
| President-elect: Lillian Harris Wade '68      | Present, voting aye     |
| Vice President: Neely Woods Hunter '95        | Present, voting aye     |
| Secretary: Barbara White '75                  | Present, voting aye     |
| Treasurer: Deborah Stockman Hodges '90        | Present, voting aye     |
| Immediate Past President: Kym Golden Gore '97 | Present, voting aye     |
| Parliamentarian: Lydia Quarles '71            | Not present, not voting |

Mississippi's First Alumnae Association  
Board of Directors

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Augustus "Gus" Argrett '02   | Present, voting aye     |
| Barbara Austin '63           | Not present, not voting |
| Jane Dearing Dennis '80      | Present, voting aye     |
| Ricki Raynor Garrett '73     | Not present, not voting |
| Kimberly Griffin '93         | Present, voting aye     |
| Lenore Shields Griffin '70   | Present, voting aye     |
| Del Oehms Hamilton '84       | Present, voting aye     |
| Jimmie Meese Moomaw '58      | Present, voting aye     |
| Thomas "Mack" Spencer '97    | Present, voting aye     |
| Josephine Bennett Tierce '50 | Not present, not voting |
| Beverly Koch Jones '57       | Not present, not voting |