

1 | discussions in the President's home and in the nationally
2 | recognized hospitality of the First Lady, and

3 | WHEREAS, Antoinette also unselfishly opened the
4 | President's home to college students, many who later became
5 | part of the Humphries extended family, where she counseled
6 | them on the importance of completing their education, staying
7 | the course, and making a positive contribution to society, and

8 | WHEREAS, Antoinette Humphries was an avid fan of
9 | Florida A&M University's football program and hosted an annual
10 | dinner for the players and coaches, and

11 | WHEREAS, Antoinette also recognized the university
12 | faculty, staff, and students who did not often receive
13 | recognition for their good works by arranging the annual "Toni
14 | Awards" under the tutelage of the late Colonel Bernard
15 | Hendricks, (Ret.), where she headed a committee that selected
16 | and provided scholarships to students in theatre and provided
17 | awards and recognition to faculty and staff who gave their
18 | time and efforts untiringly to others, and

19 | WHEREAS, Antoinette also involved the university
20 | faculty and staff in the annual "FAMU Christmas Toy Drive" for
21 | needy families in Gretna, Apalachicola, and Tallahassee where
22 | she personally delivered toys to families in these areas, and

23 | WHEREAS, Mrs. Humphries was an avid supporter of
24 | Rickards High School in Tallahassee, Florida, where she
25 | honored students in the arts and opened the President's home
26 | for fundraisers to support the needs and efforts of the high
27 | school, and

28 | WHEREAS, Florida A&M University's First Lady Antoinette
29 | Humphries impressively produced warm, yet elegant, events for
30 | international visitors, advisory groups, delegations from
31 | African and European countries, various federal and state

1 agencies, and the White House for more than 16 years and
2 continuously promoted the university in achieving its
3 reputation as one of the most highly regarded institutions of
4 higher education by, most notably, hosting Mr. Jean-Paul
5 Goude, the choreographer of the "Bastille Day Parade" of
6 Paris, France, who later selected FAMU's Marching 100 as the
7 representative from the United States during France's
8 Bicentennial Celebration in 1989, and

9 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, Antoinette
10 Humphries passed away in Orlando, Florida, surrounded by her
11 family, and will be laid to rest on Thursday, March 23, 2006,
12 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Antoinette Humphries will be forever
14 remembered as Florida A&M University's First Lady with the
15 warm smile, pleasing personality, and generous heart, NOW,
16 THEREFORE,

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18 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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20 That the Senate honors Antoinette McTurner Humphries, a
21 beloved wife and mother who, through her work as the First
22 Lady of Florida A&M University, dedicated her service to the
23 faculty, staff, and students at Florida A&M University and the
24 surrounding Tallahassee community.

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