



Resolution R-12-22
The University of Alabama
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A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO REMOVE BIBB GRAVES' NAME FROM LUCY-GRAVES HALL

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled

WHEREAS, In June 2020, The University of Alabama established the Building Names Working Group to, “conduct a comprehensive review of named buildings... relative to the system’s fundamental shared values including diversity, inclusion, and respect”; and,

WHEREAS, The Board has made the decision to rename several buildings, including completely renaming A.B. Moore Hall, which was originally named for the 16th Governor of Alabama, to Wade Hall in honor of the first Black faculty member, Archie Wade; and,

WHEREAS, On February 3, 2022, The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees voted in action to rename the academic building formerly known Bibb Graves Hall to Lucy-Graves Hall; and,

WHEREAS, The individuals being honored by the renaming of this building are Autherine Lucy Foster and Bibb Graves; and,

WHEREAS, Autherine Lucy Foster is an American activist who was the first African-American student to attend The University of Alabama in 1956; and,

WHEREAS, Bibb Graves, who served as the 38th Governor of Alabama, was a former officer of the radical white supremacist organization, the Ku Klux Klan; and,

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama strives to be a pristine institution that is dedicated to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all members of its community; and,

WHEREAS, The decision to continue to memorialize a former white supremacist by The University of Alabama is tone-deaf and creates an unsafe environment for members of our community; and,

WHEREAS, The attempt made by The University of Alabama to honor Bibb Graves on the same building as Autherine Lucy Foster is insensitive and disappointing; and,

THEREFORE, *be it RESOLVED*, that the University of Alabama Student Government Association overwhelmingly supports the removal of Bibb Graves's name from Lucy Hall

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Myron Pope, Vice President of Student Life; Tonjanita Johnson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Christine Taylor, Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Dr. Steven Hood, Senior Associate Vice President; Dr. Stacy Jones, Interim Dean of Students; Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President and Provost; Donald Elswick, Executive Director in the Director's Office; Keely Brewer, Editor-In-Chief of The Crimson White; Chapman Greer, President of Faculty Senate; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, Advisor of the Student Government Association; Dr. Ruperto Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Well-being.