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AR 6 Honoring Barbara Jordan and the Barbara Jordan Statue Project

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WHEREAS Barbara Jordan was a woman who broke boundaries, and served her community and nation, by becoming a lawyer and winning elected office as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve in the Texas Senate and then as the first African American woman from the South to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives,

WHEREAS Barbara Jordan was a proud member of The University of Texas community, and served as a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School for Public Affairs from 1979 until her death in 1996,

WHEREAS Barbara Jordan's passion for her country's ideals, and her rousing oratory style brought her success as a politician, a champion of civil rights, a public servant, a respected educator, and has inspired countless individuals across the nation and the world,

WHEREAS The Barbara Jordan Statue Project began in 2002, when a group of young women became concerned about the need for a female statue on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin,

WHEREAS The statue of Barbara Jordan will be the first statue of a woman on the UT campus, and will inspire women and the rest of the UT community to reach their fullest potential,

WHEREAS The University of Texas at Austin Barbara Jordan Statue Project Committee composed of students, faculty, staff, and alumni selected artist Bruce Wolfe of Piedmont, California, to create a commemorative outdoor bronze statue in honor of the late Barbara Jordan,

WHEREAS Countless hours and the hard work of hundreds of dedicated individuals has led to the successful completion of the Barbara Jordan Statue Project, and the statue will be unveiled on April 24th, 2009,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin honors Barbara Jordan for her contributions to the University, the State of Texas, the nation, and the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin honors and thanks all those students, faculty, staff, alumni, and others who contributed to the Barbara Jordan Statue Project, and recognizes the importance of the Barbara Jordan Statue and its message to the University and the world.