

Sponsor(s): Trenton Draper, Speaker of the Senate; Gabriel Mendez-Frances, Senator for the College of Science

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

A Resolution to Acknowledge and Commemorate the Significance and Contributions of David  
McGlathery

*Whereas,*

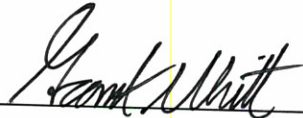
1. Reverend David McGlathery was the first African American student to be admitted to the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) on June 13, 1963, after being denied admission to the University the previous year; and
2. UAH is now home to an active African American community of students, faculty, and staff who would not serve as fixtures of campus life and operations without Reverend McGlathery's integration; and
3. Reverend McGlathery passed away on April 28, 2016; and
4. In his lifetime or posthumously, there has been no institutional acknowledgment or issue of thanks to Reverend McGlathery for his audacity to enact change in the face of adversity; and
5. When polled, 83.3 % of the 30 responding UAH students responded "yes" when asked if UAH should honor Reverend McGlathery, with the remaining 16.7% holding the position of "maybe" and 0 votes in the negative.

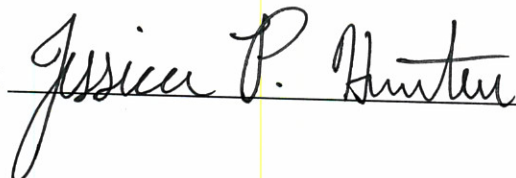
Therefore, let it be hereby enacted that The Student Government Association of The University of Alabama in Huntsville shall:

1. Issue a commendation of gratitude and honor to Reverend David McGlathery posthumously, presented to his family, in honor of his monumental contribution to UAH.
2. Present the aforementioned commendation with the presence of his family and the community of churches and citizens that Reverend McGlathery helped lead before his passing, as a display of the pride in which UAH holds its diverse community.
3. Establish an award and fund to be annually presented in Reverend McGlathery's honor for the recognition of impactful UAH students and alumni who distinguish themselves as champions of diversity in perpetuity.
4. Issue a recommendation to the President of the University, Dr. Darren Dawson, and the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Ms. Laterrica Shelton, to release statements and organize programming to honor Reverend McGlathery's legacy and contributions to the history and culture of the UAH and Huntsville communities.

Furthermore, copies of this bill shall be sent to the following:

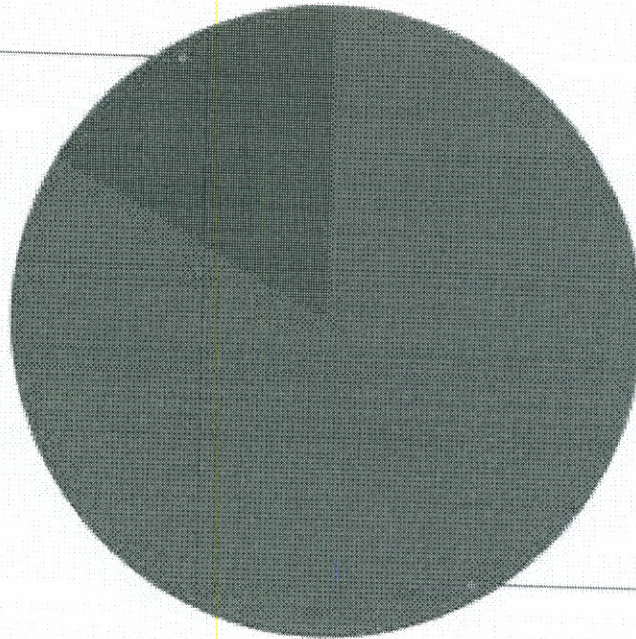
Dr. Darren Dawson, President of the University of Alabama in Huntsville; Ms. Laterrica Shelton, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Ms. Nikki Goode, Director of Student Life

Vice President's Signature:  Date: 11/19/20

President's Signature:  Date: 11/19/20

### Count of Do you think UAH should honor Mr. McGlathery?

Maybe  
16.7%



Yes  
83.3%