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**A Resolution to Support the Condemnation of Governor George
Wallace's Name on Plaques and Infrastructure at the University of
Alabama at Birmingham**

- 1 WHEREAS the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student
2 Government Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire
3 undergraduate student voice; and
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- 5 WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards
6 positive and relevant changes; and
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- 8 WHEREAS the UAB USGA stands in solidarity against persons who do not uphold the
9 UAB non-discrimination clause that reads, "The University of Alabama at Birmingham
10 prohibits discrimination in admission, educational programs, and other student matters
11 on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender
12 expression, age, national origin, disability unrelated to program performance, veteran
13 status, or genetic or family medical history;" and
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- 15 WHEREAS the UAB USGA supports the undergraduate student-led committee driving
16 the movement for UAB to take action in its discriminatory-reminding infrastructure; and
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- 18 WHEREAS the historical actions of Governor George C. Wallace do not reflect UAB's
19 non-discrimination clause or values of inclusion; and
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- 21 WHEREAS Governor Wallace stated in his inaugural speech as governor, "In the name
22 of the greatest people that have ever trod this earth, I draw the line in the dust and toss
23 the gauntlet before the feet of tyranny, and I say segregation now, segregation
24 tomorrow, segregation forever;" and
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- 26 WHEREAS Governor Wallace was a key leader during "The Stand in the Schoolhouse
27 Door" tragedy where he stood in the way of two black students at the University of
28 Alabama in an attempt to block their enrollment based upon their racial identity; and
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- 30 WHEREAS an apology by Governor Wallace is insufficient to rectify the harm inflicted
31 during his governorship; and
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- 33 WHEREAS his name exists on a multitude of facilities on the campus of UAB in plaque
34 form and as the name of buildings; and
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- 36 WHEREAS his name existing on the campus is an ever-present reminder to students of
37 the discriminatory viewpoint that Wallace and Alabama expressed.

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39 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate
40 student population, stands in support with the student-led initiative to condemn
41 Governor George C. Wallace's actions where his name is ever-present on facilities on
42 campus.

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