

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Huntsville, Alabama

# Resolution

Presented in Tribute to a True Normalite, Faithful Servant  
and Proud, Distinguished Son of the William Hooper Councilll Legacy

## B. N. Cephus

**WHEREAS**, B. N. Cephus was born in West Alabama, where he received the benefits of solid elementary fundamentals as well as a secondary education at Industrial High School, all under the auspices of the public school system of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, B. N. Cephus fulfilled his quest for higher learning at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he earned the Bachelor of Science degree and the Master of Education degree, before obtaining a Certificate in Elementary Education from Miles College; and

**WHEREAS**, B. N. Cephus, throughout his entire eventful and productive life, was heavily involved in the noble affairs of his chosen religious institution--St. John A.M.E. Church; enjoyed his affiliation with several religious ministries, as well as played an active role in numerous civic and community organizations and associations; and

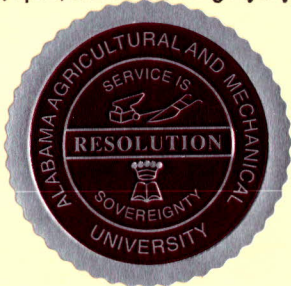
**WHEREAS**, B. N. Cephus was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; numerous educational organizations at the local, state and national levels; the AAMU Alumni Association, Inc.; the Alabama A&M University Booster Club, and many, many others; and

**WHEREAS**, B. N. Cephus was an exemplary teacher and leader in the field of public education, devoting decades in service to the children of Birmingham, and ultimately retiring from the Birmingham City School System after rendering distinguished service as Principal of Councilll Elementary School; and

**WHEREAS**, B. N. Cephus was a consistent force of reckoning and a tireless AAMU advocate throughout the many decades of the long-running Alabama Higher Education Desegregation Lawsuit of Knight & Sims vs. the State of Alabama ...

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the students, faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees, First Lady, friends and alumni of this great institution, founded in 1875, do hereby mourn the death--but also celebrate the life--of a true and loyal example of the rich and storied legacy of Alabama A&M University and its Founder, Dr. William Hooper Councilll, and do hereby acknowledge the decades of service rendered by B. N. Cephus, as well as his lasting impact on Alabama A&M University's educational legacy, the community at large, friends, church and others over the decades; and ...

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to the Family of B. N. Cephus as a testament to the University's warm gratitude for having been made a part of his incredible life's journey, which has paved the way for thousands through his words and deeds, and that copies of this document shall be placed in the University Archives as a permanent record of his ceaseless devotion, spirit, and unwavering loyalty to this institution.



Given This Thirtieth Day of December, Two Thousand and Fifteen

Andrew Hugine, Jr., Ph.D.  
President, Alabama A&M University