

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
Huntsville, Alabama

Resolution

Presented in Tribute to a Normalite, Servant
and Proud Son of the William Hooper Council Legacy

Walter Lewis Rodgers

WHEREAS, Walter Lewis Rodgers was born on May 16, 1943, in Gordo, Alabama, where he excelled academically, socially, culturally and athletically as a talented football player at Gordo High School and was recruited by five colleges; and

WHEREAS, Walter Lewis Rodgers accepted a scholarship to attend and play at the historic Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he garnered the admiration and respect of both his classmates, teammates, as well as fellow Normalites, and received the baccalaureate degree in industrial technology in 1968; and

WHEREAS, an injury prevented Walter Lewis Rodgers from joining the Cincinnati Bengals in the American Professional Football League, but he did play semi-professional football for the Alabama Hawks for three years; and

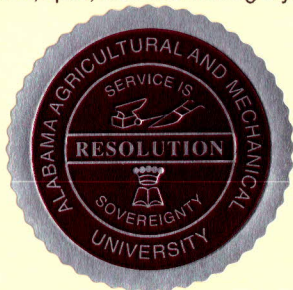
WHEREAS, Walter Lewis Rodgers was a versatile and people-loving person who diligently served the Huntsville City School System as a vocational educator, and football and softball coach, before joining the Alabama Cooperative Extension System at Alabama A&M University as a Youth Development Urban Extension Agent and later served as Radon County Extension Agent; and

WHEREAS, for decades, Walter Lewis Rodgers remained dedicated to family, church, Alabama A&M University, his beloved Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and his community; and

WHEREAS, Walter Lewis Rodgers was indeed a proud Normalite, a welcomed volunteer, a kind and gentle spirit, an AAMU Athletic Hall of Famer, a man of Christian demeanor, and an important figure throughout the chronicles of Alabama A&M University, as well as a member of AAMU's first undefeated football squad ...

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 recognize and pay tribute to a true and loyal example of the rich and storied legacy of Cooperative Extension, Alabama A&M University and its Founder, Dr. William Hooper Council, and do hereby celebrate the service rendered by Walter Lewis Rodgers, acknowledging his lasting impact on the University, the community at large, friends and numerous others over the years; and ...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to the Family of Walter Lewis Rodgers as a testament to the University's warm gratitude for having been made a part of his delightful life's journey, which has paved the way for so many through 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 Eleventh Day of May, Two Thousand and Eighteen

Andrew Hugine Jr.

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