

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University
Huntsville, Alabama

Resolution

Presented in Tribute to an Educator, Community Leader
and Proud Daughter of the William Hooper Council Legacy

Olivia Harris Sanders

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders was a native of Birmingham, Alabama, where she developed at an early age an appreciation for education at all levels and was deeply inspired by the captivating fields of biology and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders began her quest for higher education at Miles College, where she majored in biology and minored in chemistry and English; went on to earn the M.Ed. degree and AA certification in school administration from Alabama A&M University; and then obtained the doctorate degree in curriculum development and supervision from the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders' lengthy career embodies her service as an assistant librarian at the Southside Branch of the Birmingham Public Library; as a second grade teacher for Birmingham Public Schools; as a biology and chemistry teacher at Fairfield Industrial High School, Fairfield, Ala.; and as AAMU professor and director of the AAMU-UAH Regional In-Service Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders has also worked as an instructor for the Madison County (Ala.) Board of Education, as well as a job counselor, instructional specialist and curriculum specialist; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders was actively affiliated with Ascension Lutheran Church (Huntsville), Alpha Kappa the National Education Association, the Alabama Education Association, NAACP, the International Reading Association and People United to Save Humanity (PUSH); and

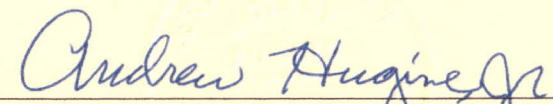
WHEREAS, Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders deserves continuing tribute and proud recognition for her unwavering love of historic Alabama A&M University, and for her consistent devotion to the education of men and women throughout the state ...

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 loss but also celebrate and pay tribute to a true and loyal example of the rich and storied legacy of Alabama A&M University and its Founder, Dr. William Hooper Council, and do hereby honor the tremendous contributions of service rendered by Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders, acknowledging her lasting impact on public and higher education, friends and numerous others over the decades; and ...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to the Family of Dr. Olivia Harris Sanders as a testament to the University's warm gratitude for having been made a part of her incredible 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 her ceaseless devotion, spirit, and unwavering loyalty to this institution and its students.



Given This Sixteenth Day of January, Two Thousand and Sixteen


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