

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Huntsville, Alabama

# Resolution

Presented in Tribute to a True Servant of the People,  
a Defender of Civil Rights and a Proud Advocate for Higher Education

## Solomon S. Seay, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., was a native of Montgomery, Alabama, who was heavily influenced by his mother, an educator, and his father, a prominent minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., pursued higher education at historic Livingstone College and Howard University School of Law, the latter completed after interruption by military service; and

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., along with long-time legal colleague Fred Gray, Sr., ably represented four noted African-American ministers (Rev. Solomon Seay Sr., Ralph Abernathy, Fred Shuttlesworth and Joseph Lowery) in the precedent-setting freedom-of-the-press case, *The New York Times v. Sullivan*; and

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., was also a major force in cases that became precedents for desegregation plans throughout the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., was an exemplary citizen; a champion for justice; a true mentor and long-time friend of public education; a fierce champion in the never-ending battle for justice; as well as a forefather in the historic, and precedent-setting cases involving civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., played an integral role and was one of Alabama A&M University's staunchest allies in the long-running Knight/Sims vs. State of Alabama Higher Education Desegregation Lawsuit; and

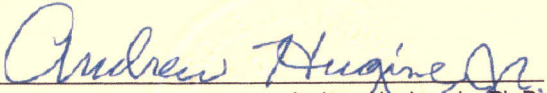
**WHEREAS**, Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., was an important legal mind, whose support extended from the 1985 Trial under Judge U.W. Clemon throughout the myriad hearings that would follow it ...

**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 recognized 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 celebrate the tenacity and genius of one Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., acknowledging his lasting impact on the African-American community, Civil Rights, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and ...

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to the Family of Atty. Solomon Seay, Jr., 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 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 civil and human rights.

Given This Nineteenth Day of September, Two Thousand and Fifteen



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