ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5-041

A RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF NAMING THE NEW BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES BUILDING AFTER PRESIDENT EMERITA MARY SU COLEMAN

WHEREAS, the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (hereafter LSA) is building a new as Biological Sciences Building which is anticipated to be completed by January 1, 2018; AND

WHEREAS, currently there is no planned name for the new Biological Sciences Building other than the “Biological Sciences Building”; AND

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan has a long history of naming buildings after former University of Michigan Presidents; AND

WHEREAS, the only former presidents without buildings named after them are Presidents Emeriti Lee Bollinger and Mary Sue Coleman; AND

WHEREAS, underrepresentation of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields has long been known to be an issue in academic settings; AND

WHEREAS, there are currently no academic buildings on the University of Michigan Campus solely named after a woman; AND

WHEREAS, there have been numerous influential and important women who served as faculty and staff members of the University of Michigan that are deserving of academic buildings named in their honor; AND

WHEREAS, one of these is President Emerita Mary Sue Coleman; AND

1 https://www.lsa.umich.edu/ummnh/about/newmuseumproject
WHEREAS, President Emerita Mary Sue Coleman received her doctorate in biochemistry from the University of North Carolina and is a published biomedical researcher; AND

WHEREAS, during her years of service as the President of the University of Michigan, President Emerita Mary Sue Coleman was highly regarded and respected by University of Michigan students on campus and nationwide; AND

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan and its students have been positively impacted by President Emerita Mary Sue Coleman’s numerous initiatives, including the purchase of the Pfizer property for the North Campus Research Complex and the initiation and expansion of sustainability-related scholarships and research; AND

WHEREAS, throughout her career, President Emerita Mary Sue Coleman has served as a national leader in higher education, including having been selected by President Barack Obama to help launch the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership; BE IT THEREFORE

RESOLVED, Central Student Government recommends naming the new Biological Sciences Building after President Emerita Mary Sue Coleman; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, Central Student Government shall work to advocate for students, faculty, and administrators in any future discussions regarding the naming of the new Biological Sciences Building; AND BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, Central Student Government will allocate the funds necessary for postage to send a copy of this resolution and a signed letter of support, written by the authors, to the University of Michigan Board of Regents, Chair of the Board of Regents Katherine White, University of Michigan President Mark Schlissel, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Operations Hank Baier, Executive Director of Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Marina Roelofs, Provost Martha Pollack, LSA Dean Andrew Martin, LSA

http://www.kavlifoundation.org/mary-sue-coleman

http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1937938_1937933_1937916,00.html

https://www.societyforscience.org/author/mary-sue-coleman
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