

**A Resolution Honoring the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center**

Senator Terrell McCann (for himself) introduced the following resolution to the Steering committee where it passed. Then to the floor where it passed.

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**Whereas**, the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center was established on October 11, 1989, on the campus of The Ohio State University under the visionary leadership of President Edward Jennings, marking a significant milestone in the university's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the celebration of African American culture; and

**Whereas**, the center is named in honor of Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., a distinguished scholar, visionary leader, and tireless civil rights activist, whose groundbreaking work in higher education ensured that African American and other underrepresented students gained increased access to academic, social, and cultural opportunities at The Ohio State University; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Hale's profound legacy extends beyond the creation of the Hale Black Cultural Center, as he also served in pivotal roles as associate dean of the graduate school, vice provost for the Office of Minority Affairs, and special assistant to the President, all of which were instrumental in advancing the university's mission of inclusivity and academic excellence; and

**Whereas**, under Dr. Hale's leadership and vision, the Hale Black Cultural Center has grown into one of the premier institutions of its kind in the nation, offering a dynamic blend of academic, cultural, and community-oriented programs that foster the intellectual, emotional, and social development of all students, with a particular emphasis on enriching the experience of African American students at The Ohio State University; and

**Whereas**, the center plays a critical and ongoing role in addressing complex societal issues such as race, politics, economics, art, culture, and social justice, while providing a space where students and the broader university community can engage in thoughtful dialogue, reflection, and action surrounding these topics; and

**Whereas**, the Hale Black Cultural Center is not only a hub for academic and cultural enrichment but also a vital institution that documents, celebrates, and preserves the rich history and contributions of African Americans in various fields, including but not limited to the arts, sciences, literature, and social justice movements; and

**Whereas**, the center remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting African American students in their academic pursuits, promoting a sense of belonging and community, and cultivating an environment where all students, regardless of background, can thrive; and

**Whereas**, the vision and legacy of Dr. Hale, along with the continued efforts of the staff, faculty, and students of the Hale Black Cultural Center, continue to inspire current and future generations to pursue social equity, justice, and a more inclusive society, both on campus and beyond;

**Therefore Let it Be Resolved**, that we, the Undergraduate Student Government of The Ohio State University, formally congratulate and celebrate the Hale Black Cultural Center on 35 years of remarkable service, excellence, and unwavering dedication to the mission of fostering an inclusive, supportive, and vibrant campus community; and

**Let it Be Further Resolved**, that we commit ourselves to the ongoing pursuit of an equitable, inclusive, and justice-oriented society, striving to honor and uphold the vision and efforts of Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr. and countless others who have fought for access, equity, and social justice in higher education and beyond; and

**Let it Be Finally Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Hale Black Cultural Center as a token of our deepest appreciation, recognition, and unwavering support, celebrating its profound legacy and ongoing contributions to The Ohio State University and the broader community.

Floor Vote: Aye: 24 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 24

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Bobby McAlpine  
President

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George Bernard  
Speaker of the 57<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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