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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 21*

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11 **A Resolution to Remove Racist Affiliated Legacies at the University of**
12 **Arkansas on School Property**

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14 Whereas, Chancellor Joe Steinmetz asserted during the wake of the
15 Black Lives Matter movement in summer 2020 via a
16 university-wide email, “racist acts have no place on our
17 campus or in the world. And as long as they exist, we will
18 never have a truly inclusive campus. We all have a role to
19 play in stopping racist and discriminatory activities.
20 Everyone needs to understand what we stand for as a
21 campus and that we will not tolerate actions that violate our
22 commitment to a safe, equitable, inclusive, non-
23 discriminatory and anti-racist campus,” yet the university
24 still continues to uphold the legacies of racist alumni via
25 statues and the names of buildings and colleges on campus.¹

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27 Whereas, Former Governor Charles Brough is known for his
28 involvement in the 1919 Elaine Race Riot, in which federal
29 troops, accompanied by Brough, massacred over 200 Black
30 residents of Phillips County, and²

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32 Whereas, The University of Arkansas Education Association/Local 965
33 passed a resolution calling for the University of Arkansas,
34 Fayetteville to change the name of what is currently known
35 as Charles Hillman Brough Commons to the Wiley A.
36 Branton Sr. Commons, a highly regarded civil rights attorney
37 and University of Arkansas alumnus.³

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¹ University of Arkansas email from Chancellor Joe Steinmetz on June 17th, 2020.

² Max Brantley, “UA union calls for renaming brough commons on Fayetteville campus for Wiley Branton Sr. Who was Brough?
Read on,” *Arkansas Times*, July 3, 2020.

³ *Ibid*, Brantley (2020).

39 Whereas, Despite the recommendations from the UAEA, the
40 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville has neglected to rename
41 the commons building.

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43 Whereas, In 1956 Former Senator J. W. Fulbright signed the “Southern
44 Manifesto”, a document that condemned the Supreme
45 Court’s declaration of segregated schools was
46 unconstitutional, and⁴

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48 Whereas, Former Senator J. W. Fulbright voted against the Civil Rights Act of
49 1957, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act
50 of 1965, and led a 60-day filibuster against the Civil Rights
51 Act of 1964, and⁵

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53 Whereas, On June 15th, the Black Student Caucus at the University of
54 Arkansas issued a demand for the University of Arkansas to
55 remove the statue of J. W. Fulbright, his name from the
56 college of liberal arts and sciences and for the Charles
57 Brough Dining Hall to be renamed, and

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59 Whereas, On March 13th, the Black Student Caucus held an anti-racist protest
60 centering around support for the removal of J.W. Fulbright’s
61 namesake from the university, including his statue and the
62 renaming of the Charles Brough Dining Hall, and

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64 Whereas, In early October, the University of Arkansas created a
65 committee consisting of both students and staff members
66 dedicated to addressing the presence of J.W. Fulbright and
67 Charles Brough on campus. Though the committee intended
68 to meet during the fall semester and accepted feedback from
69 students through November 1st of 2020, the University of
70 Arkansas has yet to release their decision after the 7-month
71 long process.⁶

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73 Whereas, Other universities have laid precedent for removing racist
74 alumni figures from their campuses when prompted by

4 Theo Lippman Jr., “Two Tragic flaws kept Arkansas Sen. J.....,” *Baltimore Sun*, February 16, 1995,

5 Teresa Watanabe, Tomàs Mier, “USC removes name of former president Rufus Von Kleinsmid a supporter of eugenics from prominent building,” *Los Angeles Times*, June 12, 2020

6 Uof A Forms Committee to Evaluate J. William Fulbright’s Presence on Campus, Andra Liwag, August 6th, 2020, *University of Arkansas*, <https://news.uark.edu/articles/54359/u-of-a-forms-committee-to-evaluate-j-william-fulbright-s-presence-on-campus>.

75 students. Within one month of the beginnings of the Black
76 Lives Matter protests, Princeton University quickly removed
77 Woodrow Wilson’s namesake from the policy school and
78 residence college meeting students’ demands.⁷
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81 Whereas, The University of Southern California removed the namesake of
82 their former president, Rufus von KleinSmid,
83 from various buildings on campus because of
84 his leadership role within the white supremacy
85 focused eugenics movement in California. This
86 removal was in response to students’ demands
87 and protests in the summer of 2020.⁸
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89 Whereas, During June of 2020, Western Carolina
90 University removed Clyde Hoey’s name from
91 the campus auditorium due to his opposition to
92 racial integration while he served as governor.⁹
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94 Be it therefore resolved: The University of Arkansas adhere to their
95 previously stated mission to support the
96 “campus community in taking positive action
97 that fosters safety, belonging, justice, equity,
98 and peace.”¹⁰
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100 Be it further resolved: To remain consist with the expressions
101 regarding diversity and inclusion, the
102 University of Arkansas remove J.W. Fulbright’s
103 name from the Fulbright College of Arts and
104 Sciences, and allow matters of renaming the
105 college to be up to the discretion of the
106 university administration and Board of
107 Trustees, and
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7 “President Eisgruber’s message to community on removal of Woodrow Wilson name from public policy school and Wilson College,” Christopher Eisgruber, June 26th, 2020, *Princeton University*, <https://www.princeton.edu/news/2020/06/27/president-eisgrubers-message-community-removal-woodrow-wilson-name-public-policy>.

8 Ibid, Watanabe (2020)

9 “WCU Board Removes Name “Hoey” from Campus,” June 29th, 2020, *WCU Stories*, <https://www.wcu.edu/stories/posts/News/2020/06/wcu-board-removes-name-hoey-from-campus-auditorium/index.aspx>

10 “Message Regarding Disturbing Video,” Vice Chancellor Dr. Yvette Murphy-Erby, *University of Arkansas Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*, <https://diversity.uark.edu/news-stories/statements.php>

109 Be it further resolved: The University of Arkansas remove the statue
110 of J.W. Fulbright and relocate it from campus
111 grounds to a location decided upon by the
112 university administration and Board of
113 Trustees, and
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115 Be it further resolved: remove Charles Brough's name from the dining
116 commons and rename the building the Wiley A.
117 Branton Sr. Commons, as previously
118 recommended by the University of Arkansas
119 Education Association.
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121 Be it further resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate
122 supports the University of Arkansas,
123 Fayetteville in continuing discussions
124 regarding the legacies of these prominent
125 figures in a constructive manner that does not
126 cause direct harm to the student body, staff,
127 and faculty.
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129 Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation will be sent to
130 Chancellor Joe Steinmetz, Provost Charles
131 Robinson, Dean of Fulbright College of Arts
132 and Sciences Todd Shields, Dean of Admissions
133 Suzanne McCray, Board of Trustees Chairman
134 Stephen Broughton, Vice President of Dining
135 Operations Andrew Lipson, Vice Chancellor of
136 Diversity and Inclusion Yvette Murphy-Erby
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138 Amendments: _____
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140 Vote Count: Aye 33 Nay 0 Abstentions 6
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142 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____
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145 Caleb Parker, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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147 Julia Nall, ASG President Date
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