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3 **A Resolution Recommending the Installation of Informational Plaques in Named University**
4 **Buildings**

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6 *A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government*

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8 24 February 2016

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10 Sponsors: Jason Colella & Nicholas Fadanelli

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12 **Whereas**, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter
13 LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic
14 and non-academic life”; and,

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16 **Whereas**, the University of Michigan has a long tradition of naming buildings after former presidents,
17 prominent former administrators and faculty, and individuals whose financial contributions have
18 significantly impacted the University; and,

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20 **Whereas**, students’ nonacademic life is enriched through knowledge of the long, proud, and rich history
21 and tradition of the University of Michigan; and,

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23 **Whereas**, the University of Michigan in 2017 will be celebrating its bicentennial and consequently be
24 promoting and working to actively further the public history of the University through various projects
25 and events; and,

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27 **Whereas**, currently the vast majority of named buildings do not provide a sufficient explanation of who
28 and why they are named as is; and,

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30 **Whereas**, informational plaques detailing the history and reasons behind the name and naming of named
31 buildings on campus would not only be a very valuable project to enhance the University’s bicentennial
32 efforts, but also improve students’ knowledge about the University, and hopefully spark campus dialogue
33 about building names and contributions of past individuals to the University.

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35 **Be it therefore resolved**, LSA SG recommends the installation of informational plaques about the
36 namesake of named University Buildings, describing, amongst other things, the relation of the namesake
37 to the building and the University and why the building bears the name of the namesake; and,

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39 **Be it further resolved**, the sponsors of this resolution will work in conjunction with the Bicentennial
40 Planning Office, the Bentley Historical Library, and Facilities and Operations to begin discussions about
41 how to best implement this project for currently existing and future existing buildings; and,

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43 **Be it further resolved**, LSA SG shall work to advocate for LSA students, faculty, and administrators in
44 any future discussions regarding the naming of future campus buildings; and,

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46 **Be it finally resolved**, LSA SG will send a copy of this resolution and a signed letter of support, written
47 by the LSA SG Executive Board in consultation with the sponsors to the University of Michigan
48 President Mark Schlissel, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Operations Hank Baier, Executive
49 Director of Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Marina Roelofs, LSA Associate Dean Angela
50 Dillard, Bentley Historical Library Director Terry McDonald, and Bicentennial Planning Office Director
51 Gary Krenz.