

**Resolution Acknowledging and Apologizing  
for the History of Slavery at  
The University of Alabama**

**Whereas**, in the period from the opening of The University of Alabama in 1831 until the Civil War slaves made a significant contribution to The University of Alabama; and

**Whereas**, some faculty members of The University of Alabama owned slaves, supervised the labor and discipline of slaves, and in at least one case used a slave as a laboratory assistant; and

**Whereas**, the current Faculty Senate represents a link to the body of University faculty past, present, and future,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama recognizes and regrets that the University has benefited from the work of slaves; and

**Be it further resolved** by the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama that we apologize to the descendants of persons who were slaves at the University for such exploitation of human beings; and

**Be it further resolved** that the University recognize the cemetery where the slaves, a student, and the Pratt family are buried with a historical marker; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Faculty Senate endorses the actions taken by The University of Alabama President Robert Witt on April 15; and

**Be it further resolved** that the University take actions to atone for that history and to memorialize the contributions of slaves to the campus in some prominent fashion.

Proposed by Faculty Life Committee

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

April 20, 2004