

**Resolution Number:** RF13-316

October, 2013

**Whereas:**

Professor Laura Dean Head served as a faculty member of San Francisco State University for 35 years in the Department of Africana Studies, formerly Black Studies, and enhanced the lives of thousands of students; and

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**Whereas:**

Dr. Laura Head is a distinguished alumna – psychology major – of San Francisco State University, when it was San Francisco State College, and went to earn her M.A. and PhD from the University of Michigan; and

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**Whereas:**

Dr. Laura Head served as a Consultant to the “Children and Mothers Parenting Project” of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, Trainer for the Bilingual Teacher Training Institute of San Francisco Unified School District, Instructor at the Wright Institute of Berkeley California and Instructor in the Black Studies and Psychology Departments at the University of California, Riverside; and

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**Whereas:**

Dr. Laura Head participated in numerous lectures, publications, radio and television interviews, and community service events through which she was given special honors; and

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**Whereas:**

Dr. Laura Head was dedicated to educating anyone willing to engage her in stimulating, controversial, and intellectual conversation; and

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**Whereas:**

Through such conversation, all were encouraged and learned to challenge authority and injustice – a legacy of her deft wisdom acquired as SF State strike veteran; and

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**Whereas:**

Dr. Laura Head will be deeply missed as by her colleagues, friends, and students at San Francisco State University; and

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**Whereas:**

Dr. Laura Head will always be remembered for reminding all that “Education equals knowledge, knowledge equals power; Power equals freedom.”; therefore be it

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**Resolved:**

That the Academic Senate of San Francisco State University express its condolences and memorialize the academic and teaching excellence of Professor Laura Head; and be it further

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**Resolved:**

That the Academic Senate recognize Professor Laura Head’s teaching, research, and service to campus and community.

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