Resolution Number: RF13-316
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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