

BY: Senator MONTGOMERY

HONORING Angela Davis upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Groundswell on April 6, 2017

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Angela Davis upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Groundswell, to be celebrated at its Freedom is a Constant Struggle Event on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, Angela Davis is an activist, scholar and writer who has spent her life advocating for the oppressed; she has authored several books, including **Women, Culture and Politics, Women, Race and Class, and Are Prisons Obsolete?**; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she has worked as a professor, advocating for gender equity, prison reform and alliances across color lines; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 26, 1944, in Birmingham, Alabama, Angela Davis became a master scholar who studied at the prestigious Sorbonne, University of Paris; and

WHEREAS, From a young age, Angela Davis fought against social injustice, organizing interracial study groups as a teenager which were often times broken up by the police; and

WHEREAS, Later moving north, Angela Davis studied philosophy at Brandeis University in Massachusetts; she went on to earn a graduate degree from the University of California, San Diego, where she was later hired as a professor; and

WHEREAS, After spending several years traveling and lecturing, Angela Davis returned to teaching; today, she is a professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she teaches courses on the history of consciousness; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Angela Davis, that future generations may know and appreciate her admirable character, her many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which she is held by her peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Angela Davis upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by Groundswell on April 6, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Angela Davis.