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**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION )  
NO. ) IN THE MATTER OF COMMENDING MARILYN D. MAYS

WHEREAS, Marilyn D. Mays, during the period of her residence in Lane County and her work as both professional and public citizen, has contributed to the betterment of our community and to a valuable affirmation of public appreciation for issues of diversity, fairness and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, in Marilyn D. Mays' capacity as community leader with her role as local NAACP Branch President she helped shepherd the local effort which lead to the successful re-naming on June 11, 2003 of the City of Eugene' s portion of Centennial Boulevard to that of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the historic re-naming of Centennial Boulevard to that of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard was a fitting dedication of a prominent landmark in honor of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, minister, civil rights champion, noted author, social reformer, American hero and world-renown advocate for non-violence, reconciliation and universal brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, the proposed re-naming to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, prior to its formal adoption, had garnered the unanimous support of both the Lane County Board of Commissioners and the Eugene Planning Commission along with the strong endorsement of the University of Oregon, the Eugene chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the enthusiastic advocacy of those citizens who testified at public hearings on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Springfield subsequently voted on July 7, 2003 to name the extension of Pioneer Parkway as Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway "in recognition of the fact that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to peaceful, nonviolent actions in the pursuit of equality and racial integration"; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn D. Mays also gave strong public voice to the moral conviction that racial profiling of any citizen has an unacceptable and deep emotional toll upon its victims.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lane County Board of Commissioners wishes to commend Marilyn D. Mays for her advocacy of community tolerance, sensitivity to the value of diversity in the operation of public government, and promotion of civic affirmation of the historic importance and significance of such important national and world figures as the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Lane County Board of Commissioners further extends its best wishes to Marilyn D. Mays in her future endeavors.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2005.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 2/27/05  
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Anna Morrison, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

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