



# UC MERCED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OGLETREE RESOLUTION

DR. CHARLES OGLETREE RECOGNITION RESOLUTION  
FEBRUARY 10, 2018

## **PURPOSE: TO VOICE ALUMNI GRATITUDE FOR DR. CHARLES OGLETREE AND TO SUPPORT HIS LEGACY BY ENCOURAGING EFFORTS THAT REFLECT HIS PASSION AND VALUES.**

- Whereas Dr. Ogletree has been a tireless champion for civil rights and social justice, and has fought throughout his legal career to create equality for all;
- Whereas Dr. Ogletree is a native of Merced, California, and served as UC Merced's Opening Ceremony keynote speaker in 2005;
- Whereas Dr. Ogletree played an instrumental role in persuading First Lady Michelle Obama to speak at the UC Merced's inaugural Commencement Ceremony of 2009;
- Whereas Dr. Ogletree served as mentor to both former President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at Harvard Law School;
- Whereas Dr. Ogletree founded the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard University, which trains student lawyers to represent indigent defendants in the Boston area;
- Whereas Dr. Ogletree created a "Saturday School" program to expose minority students to important legal issues, a program of which former President Barack Obama was a regular participant;
- Whereas Dr. Ogletree has lived an exemplary life in service of society and serves as an inspiration to all Americans;

Therefore, be it resolved that the UC Merced Alumni Association affirms its gratitude to Dr. Charles Ogletree and supports efforts at UC Merced to honor his legacy.

The officers of the UC Merced Alumni Association Board of Directors hereby sign this resolution reaffirming its authenticity as passed by the Board of Directors on February 10, 2018.