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TITLE: GALEN MARTIN

PURPOSE: IN MEMORIAM AND COMMENDATION TO
GALEN MARTIN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF EQUAL
OPPORUTNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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WHEREAS, the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA) is a professional association of over 140 state, county, and local human relations commissions in the United States of America and several statutory human rights agencies in Canada that has as its purpose and jurisdiction the elimination of discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, Galen Martin who labored for civil rights for more than four decades and helped influence civil rights policy across the country passed away on December 19, 2006;and

WHEREAS, Galen grew up in East Rainelle, W. Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Galen became interested in civil rights as a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, when he volunteered to test the willingness of landlords to rent to black students; and

WHEREAS, Galen served as the Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations and as the first Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, from 1956 until 1989; and

WHEREAS, Galen was the founder and the Director Emeritus of the Kentucky Fair Housing Council which published the National Fair Housing Advocate, a national civil rights newsletter; and

WHEREAS, Galen received numerous honors for his work, among those **induction** into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2000 for his leadership in drafting Kentucky's civil rights law and his work to desegregate Jefferson County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Galen served as President of the International Association of Official Human Rights Association from 1983-1985, and as President of the National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW); and

WHEREAS, a man of courage, strength, and compassion, Galen gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him;

WHEREAS, Galen Martin will be remembered for his commitment and dedication to equality and justice for all;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of IAOHRA extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Galen Martin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IAOHRA recognizes the many years of outstanding and dedicated service of Galen Martin.

James L. Stowe, President