



Whereas, Sen. John Edwards pointed out that among various questionable admissions policies employed by Universities nationwide, minority admissions preferences alone have been singled out for criticism; noting the resounding silence and unquestioning acceptance that has surrounded long-standing University admissions preferences such as legacy admissions, the Senator stated, "We should support efforts that increase diversity and put an end to systems, like legacy admissions, that give special preference to the most advantaged at the expense of diversity"; and

Whereas, Using race as just one of a number of factors in the university admissions process is just one small yet meaningful way to remedy a long and ongoing legacy of racial prejudice; as Sen. Joe Lieberman stated, "Until we reach that day where everyone is truly judged as Dr. King appealed for...by the content of their character, we have a responsibility to take affirmative steps to give everyone an equal opportunity to realize the American dream"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York denounces President Bush for dishonoring the work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the occasion of the slain civil rights leader's birthday by injecting his administration into the affirmative action case pending before the Supreme Court.

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