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June 1, 1961

Governor  
State of Alabama  
Montgomery, Alabama

Honorable Governor:

The following resolution was adopted by the Community Council of Macalester College on May 22, 1961.

Whereas: The Macalester Community Council has long recognized and actively participated in the struggle to attain equal rights and privileges for all men, and

Whereas: The "Freedom Riders" of Alabama are engaged in activities which will, if successful, be a long stride toward the final goal of full equality for all men, and

Whereas: The people of Alabama who have opposed the "Freedom Riders" movement have acted with shameful violence and unreasoning fury, while the government of the State of Alabama has not effectively controlled their lawless behavior,

Be it resolved that: The Macalester Community Council gives its full support and approval to the action of the "Freedom Riders," and

Be it resolved that: The Macalester Community Council go on record as utterly deploring the lawless behavior of those people who have, with malice and violence, opposed the "Freedom Riders" movement, and that the Macalester Community Council urges the government of the State of Alabama to use every possible means in the future to prevent the recurrence of such reprehensible actions as took place at the Montgomery, Alabama Bus Depot on Saturday, May 20, 1961.

This resolution is also being communicated to the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, the Saint Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press, the newspapers of Montgomery, Alabama, the National Student Association, and to the "Freedom Riders" themselves.

Sincerely,

Rollin Crawford  
Council President