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RESOLUTION # E

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL HUMAN RIGHTS
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58TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
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TITLE: APPRECIATION TO ANNE MCCARTY BRADEN

**PURPOSE: TO COMMEND AND HONOR ANNE BRADEN'S
SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF CIVIL AND HUMAN
RIGHTS**

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, Anne Braden and her husband Carl Braden were Southern human rights pioneers who dedicated their lives to building a new America through an unwavering commitment to struggles for self-determination, equality, and human freedom; and,

WHEREAS, Anne Braden and her husband Carl Braden committed their lives, with great sacrifice, to the mission of human rights, working with civil rights organizations across the nation including the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Rainbow Coalition, and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression to change the arc of Southern history; and,

WHEREAS, as editor of the SCEF *Southern Patriot* newspaper, author of her 1958 memoir, The Wall Between, and lecturer at the University of Louisville, and as an anti-racist leader throughout her lifetime, Anne Braden provided incisive analyses, reflections, and teachings to generations of key actors in the movement for social justice in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity to commend Anne Braden who continued to fight for human rights causes including open housing, school desegregation, economic justice, and the end to police brutality and unjust wars until the very day she died, always with an unwavering belief in the possibilities and promise of societal change and human equality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies does hereby express its gratitude to Anne Braden for her leadership, her service, and her example. It is with great sorrow that the world loses this committed human rights worker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that a copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Anne McCarty Barden.

James L. Stowe, President