

RESOLUTION 13-137

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are pleased to honor Dr. Prince Preyer, Jr., during Black History Month, 2013. Dr. Preyer was the first African American to be elected to the Madison County, Alabama Commission Seat, District 6, where he served four terms; and,

WHEREAS, as an elected representative of Madison County, Alabama, Dr. Preyer, while serving as District Six Commissioner, worked to build a diverse alliance of educators, ministers, law enforcement and county officials, business leaders and parents who could exchange and provide opportunities for the entire county. He believed that coalition building provided the best support system for reconstructing a community; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Preyer received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education in 1958 from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, a Masters of Education from Tuskegee Institute in 1970, and a Doctor of Philosophy from Iowa State University. Dr. Preyer held numerous teaching positions on the high school and college levels in agriculture and has served as Chairman of the Agribusiness Department at Alabama A&M University; and,

WHEREAS, under the sponsorship of Commissioner Preyer, the Coalition on At-Risk Minority Males (COARMM) was formed in 1990. At its inception, the focus addressed the social and education issues impacting minority males in Huntsville/Madison County, Alabama. COARMM's mission has now been expanded to assist all at-risk males and females between the ages of 8 and 21; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Preyer was instrumental in establishing First Company and the Phoenix Program. In conjunction with the courts and the district attorney, the Phoenix Program is a community based ten-week course for early non-violent juvenile offenders and their families. First Company includes intensive supervision during the day with focus on military regimentation; and,

WHEREAS, in his productive career over the last 50 years, Prince Preyer, Jr., has held positions in civic and government organizations including the Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council; Chairman of the Madison County/Huntsville Drug, Gang and Violence Task Force; United States Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect; Partnership for Drug-Free Community Board of Directors; Association of County Commissioners of Alabama; Children First Foundation; Alabama Department of Education Research Coordinating Unit; and Member of Kappa Alpha Psi. He served on review teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Preyer received numerous awards and honors for his work in Agribusiness such as Honorary State Farmers Degree, membership in the Gamma Sigma Delta (the Honor Society of

Agriculture), and outstanding award presented by the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we express our appreciation to Dr. Prince Preyer, Jr., for his devoted interest and many achievements for the betterment of our county, city, and state. We convey our heartiest congratulations by honoring him this Black History Month, February 2013, for being the first African American elected to the position of Madison County Commissioner, District Six.

ADOPTED on this the 28th day of February, 2013.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED on this the 28th day of February, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama