

RESOLUTION NO. 13-214

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Mr. Edwin Silsby Hill departed this life on Saturday, March 23, 2013. He is a native of Pell City, Alabama. He was an icon for exemplary service to the greater Huntsville, Alabama community and was respected for his fairness, frankness, wisdom and kindness; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin Silsby Hill was married to Zena Jacobs-Love Hill and loving father of one daughter, Eddgra Fallin; four sons, Edwin S. Hill, Jr., Dwight Hill, Veral E. Hill, Franz Reginald Hill; two stepsons, Frank W. Love and Eric L. Love. He was a member of the United States Army where he served with distinction as a paratrooper and band member with the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin was a charter member and ordained Deacon/Elder of Fellowship Presbyterian Church, USA. When the new pastor of a church yet to be established, Reverend Ezekiel Bell, arrived in Huntsville and set up residence in the community of Edmonton Heights. He introduced himself to Edwin Hill and told him what he was to do. Mr. Hill then began taking Rev. Bell throughout the neighborhood and introducing him to the families who became the first members of Fellowship Presbyterian Church, both in its earliest form and later when a church building was constructed. He worked in almost every capacity of the church over the years from 1959 until 2013, except when failing health prevented his activity. He was extremely proud of his role in bringing Fellowship Presbyterian Church into service; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin received both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees and did additional course work leading to an AA Certificate from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he majored in administration and supervision. He was appointed by Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. as a member of the Alabama A&M Board of Trustees, where he served from 1993 - 1998, and by President George H. Bush to the Selective Service System, Region II, Local Board 45; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin will be remembered for his exemplary role as an education administrator. He provided leadership as Principal of Tennessee Valley High School in Hillsboro, Alabama and as Principal of Toney, Jr. High School in Toney, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin was the recipient of numerous awards and honors for his prolific acts of service. He was a charter member of the Huntsville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and life member of the NAACP and celebrated 50 years of activity and membership. His skills and effectiveness as a leader have been affirmed by professional colleagues elected him to the presidency of several organizations. He has served as president of the North Huntsville Kiwanis Club, the Huntsville City Teachers' Association, the Lawrence County Teachers' Association, Lawrence County Principals' Association, District 1 Alabama State Teachers' Association, and the Alabama Community Action Agencies Association; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin Silsby Hill was Chief Executive Officer of the Huntsville/Madison/Limestone Counties Community Action Partnership. He devoted much of his lengthy career to the promotion of opportunities for the economically

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disadvantaged. He worked diligently to help alleviate poverty and encourage human development and aid the ultimate development of a fair society. His work was recognized through the rededication of the Community Action Partnership Central Office in his honor on June 19, 2012;

WHEREAS, articulate, incisive, good humored, compassionate and sensitive to human needs; these were the hallmark of a leadership style that has identified Edwin Silsby Hill as one of Huntsville's most committed, effective and humanitarian servants on the contemporary scene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that this governing body does hereby officially express its sincere sympathy to the family and many friends on behalf of the citizens of the City of Huntsville for the life and outstanding leadership of Edwin Silsby Hill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy be furnished to his family.

Adopted this the 28th day of March, 2013.

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

Approved this the 28th day of March, 2012.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama