

RESOLUTION NO. 13-215

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University Alumni Association Huntsville Chapter will be honoring LTC(P) Martha K. Brooks for her outstanding achievements at the J.F. Drake Library at AAMU on April 2, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, LTC(P) Martha K. Brooks is the Director of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army Expeditionary Contracting Command, a subordinate command to the U.S. Army Contracting Command, both located at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, LTC(P) Brooks is the first uniformed service member to be assigned to that position and assumed role in July 2011. Prior to that assignment, she served as the Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the U.S. Army Central Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia from July 2007 to July 2011; and,

WHEREAS, LTC(P) Brooks is a 1986 graduate of J. O. Johnson High School and Alabama A&M University. She entered active duty as a second lieutenant in May 1990 following commissioning through the ~~Research Officers Training Corps and commissioned as an Air Defense Artillery Officer;~~ and,

WHEREAS, LTC(P) Brooks has served in a variety of assignments and positions both in the United States and abroad from Platoon Leader to Director of Public Affairs. Her military education includes U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and many other U.S. Army institutions and programs; and,

WHEREAS, LTC(P) Brooks was promoted to the rank of Colonel on February 8, 2013 at the Redstone Bicentennial Chapel by BG Theodore C. Harrison III, ECC Commanding General. Witnessing the event was her daughter Mackenzie Brooks, age eight, who sung the National Anthem, her mother and other family members, friends, and an array of military personnel; and,

WHEREAS, LTC(P) Brooks had the opportunity to share the Oscar night red carpet with her "mess dress," statement in a long straight skirt of an Army Officer, topped off with a military jacket adorned with shiny medals hung by ribbons. She served as a runner for the Armed Forces Radio Network and the Pentagon Channel at the 85th annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles, California, on February 24, 2013. Also, she shared a few moments with actress Halle Berry on the Oscar night red carpet and convinced several Hollywood stars to record shout-outs for deployed troops. This memory and experience will definitely be one of the highlights of her career as an army public affairs officer.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby acknowledge and express their congratulations to LTC(P) Martha K. Brooks, an outstanding African American who is the First African American female promoted to the rank of Colonel at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

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, 2013.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama