

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-375**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); sixth grade "Tornado" and seventh grade "YOLOii" teams of the Union Chapel Christian Academy won first place in the State of Alabama, and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2013, the Academy received notification that one or more of our eCYBERMISSION teams were in contention to win a state prize. On April 22, the Academy received notification that both teams won first place in the state of Alabama competition; and,

**WHEREAS**, the students submitted two projects; "Destination Carbonation," an experiment on a cleaner way to eject rockets in an effort to reduce air pollution; and "Bacteria in Different Zip Codes" where they monitored the bacteria growth in north, central and south Huntsville; and,

**WHEREAS**, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education is vitally important in our daily lives, our businesses and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, with the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP), the U.S. Army is committed to answering the nation's need for increased literacy in STEM through sponsored research, education, competitions, internships and practical experiences designed to engage and guide students; and,

**WHEREAS**, expanding STEM education opportunities across the country will not only improve our global competitiveness and national security it will open doors to new career paths for American students; and,

**WHEREAS**, eCYBERMISSION, a component of AEOP, is a web-based STEM competition and part of AESOP, for students in grades six through nine where teams compete for State, Regional, and National Awards while working to solve problems in their community; and,

**WHEREAS**, there were 3,154 projects and 12,374 students participating in the national eCYBERMISSION competition, Union Chapel Christian Academy sixth and seventh grade students submitted two projects; and,

**WHEREAS**, the sixth grade team "Tornado," Nelson Barnes, McKinley Davis, Au Jean'e Gardner, and Katherine Ward, with team advisor Ms. Sherita Moses, won first place in the State of Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, the seventh grade team "YOLOii," Kaelan Hillard, Macario Kelley, Derrick Knight and Julian Vactor, with team advisor, Ms. Sherita Moses, won first place in the State of Alabama; and,

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**WHEREAS**, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), teams of Union Chapel Christian Academy are due the highest praise and appropriate accolades for their performance, bringing pride and appreciation to their parents, faculty, administration and church family, and the City of Huntsville; and,

**WHEREAS**, this achievement is reflective of the dedication and discipline necessary to achieve this outstanding honor in an intensive and highly competitive area. This is the first time the Union Chapel Christian Academy has entered the STEM competition; and,

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2013, the Union Chapel Christian Academy will be holding its Awards Day at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, at 10:00 a.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Union Chapel Christian Academy for winning the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) competition, and extend our best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama