

RESOLUTION NO. 13-379

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Nathaniel A. Bocclair, III, will be honored with the "Government and Industry Leadership Award" during the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter's 12th Annual Leadership Awards Program held at the Ernest L. Knight Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, June 1, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bocclair serves as the Branch Chief of the Space Systems Branch at Marshall Space Flight Center/NASA. His career with the Marshall Space Flight Center/NASA started in 1977 through the Cooperative Education Program at Mississippi Valley State University. During his cooperative education work assignments, he obtained work experiences in the Data Systems and Systems Analysis and Integration Laboratories. As Branch Chief, he is responsible for advising and guiding the implementation of operations planning and analysis activities of the branch for International Space Station payload operations command and control and data management functions; and,

WHEREAS, at Marshall Space Flight Center/NASA, Mr. Bocclair has mentored several students working in internship and cooperative education positions. He tells them that having an internship or cooperative education work experience is the right way to go; "it gives you a running start on your career." People like being around Mr. Bocclair because he brings with him enthusiasm and a positive attitude that is contagious. He positively changes the atmosphere in a meeting or in one-on-one discussions and he always exudes an energy that creates a spirit of collaboration and cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, he is a 1979 graduate of Mississippi Valley State University where he earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Computer Science; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bocclair has received many awards and honors in recognition of his superior work performance such as NASA Exceptional Service Medal, NASA Achievement Medal, NASA Special Service and numerous NASA Group Achievement Awards for Payloads Operations Control support of various Spacelab, Payload and ISS Missions. Additionally, he was recommended by NASA Headquarters for the Astronaut Candidate Program. This award honors Mr. Bocclair for achievements in his profession and mentorship to students; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bocclair is married to Sharon Denise Bradford Bocclair, and they are the proud parents of two sons, Alex and Nathaniel, IV. He is an active and dedicated member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Mr. Nathaniel A. Bocclair, III, as the 2013 "Government

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and Industry Leadership Award" recipient, and extend best wishes to him and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED on this the 23rd day of May, 2013.

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

APPROVED on this the 23rd day of May, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama