

RESOLUTION NO. 13-380

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. Parker Griffith, will be honored with the "Government Relations 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, humanitarian, physician, philanthropist, politician, educator and entrepreneur are just a few titles that can be pinned under the name of Dr. Parker Griffith. He is an American politician who was the U.S. Representative for Alabama's 5th Congressional District from 2009-2011, and a former member of the Alabama State Senate, District 7 from 2006-2009. Prior to pursuing interest in the political arena, he was a Radiation Oncologist and established the Huntsville Cancer Treatment Center in 1986, the state's first comprehensive cancer-treatment facility. As a physician, he dedicated his life to providing the best of care for his patients; and,

WHEREAS, he provided discounted, and in some cases, free care to patients who lacked insurance. Knowing the need for quality care in the area, Dr. Griffith conducted several clinical trials in conjunction with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Medicine, and partnered with St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He retired from medicine in December 1992, though he still holds a license to practice in Alabama and Texas; and,

WHEREAS, learning at an early age the value of work from his parents, today as a local businessman Dr. Griffith has business successes ranging from restaurant franchises to a broadcasting company to urgent care clinics and funeral homes. Since the 1980s, he has employed hundreds of individuals across North Alabama. Moreover, Dr. Griffith believes in helping the citizens, schools, colleges, universities and organizations. Through the Griffith Family Foundation, he has donated more than \$50,000 to elementary school libraries in northern Alabama. Likewise, he has given magnanimous gifts to colleges, universities and organizations to support their respective program initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Griffith received his medical degree from the Louisiana State University (LSU) Medical School in 1970, and served in residency at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Also, he served as a Medical Corps Captain in the US Army Reserve from 1970 to 1973, while continuing his medical training at LSU Service Charity Hospital in New Orleans; and,

WHEREAS, he has received scores of citations, plaques, resolutions and other commendations in recognition of achievements in his professions and contributions to humanity. Some of the honors and awards include: 2011 LSU Medical School Alumni of the Year; and the

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2010 US Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award. This award honors Dr. Griffith for his contributions for the betterment of the citizenry in Northern Alabama and generous contributions to humankind; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Griffith is a member of numerous professional, civic and community organizations. He and his wife, Virginia, are members of the Church of the Nativity. They are the proud parents of five children and twelve grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Parker Griffith as the 2013 "Government Relations 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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama