

RESOLUTION NO. 13-384

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Mr. Bobby T. Petty, will be honored with the "*William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumnus 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, through the years, Mr. Petty has worked and continues to work determinedly in organizing job placements for high school students in mentorship programs and placement of students graduating from community and technical colleges. Helping to prepare students to excel is his lifelong passion, and his contribution to the community is being able to share the knowledge that he has attained through education by developing educational programs to help students to become productive professionals in the world of work. This award honors Mr. Petty in recognition of his stellar contributions to promote postsecondary and higher education institutions; and,

WHEREAS, currently he serves as the Education Specialist at North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE). In this position, he has developed many programs to benefit the students and created partnerships with community industries and agencies to provide experiential learning opportunities for high school students. His career in postsecondary and higher education spans more than forty years in electronics/electricity, engineering technology and industrial technology education. He has spent the majority of his career in teaching and management. He received his educational training at Alabama A&M University, and earned the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology and the Master of Education in Industrial Technology Education; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to education and to the community, he has received numerous awards and honors such as 2006 Nominee, Partners for Charity Volunteer of the Year; 2001 Alabama Skills USA-VICA, Honorary Life Member Award; EDU-TECH, Excellence in Technical Education Award; Chancellor's Award Nominee, Outstanding Technical Faculty of the Year, just to name a few. Also, he is a member of colleges' advisory boards and professional organizations. Some include: Board Member, Huntsville Bible College; Advisory Board Member, J.F. Drake State Technical College; Member, The National VICA Association; Member, Alabama VICA Association; Member, Alabama Vocational Association; and Alabama Education Association; and,

WHEREAS, he and his wife Louise are the proud parents of two children and one grandchild.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Mr. Bobby T. Petty, as the 2013 "*William Hooper Council*

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Distinguished Alumnus 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 this the 23rd day of May, 2013.

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

APPROVED this the 23rd day of May, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama