

RESOLUTION NO. 13-423

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that on May 11, 2013, Eddie Cedric Sherrod, Sr., Madison County Democratic Conference Chairman, received the Arthur D. Shore Superior Leadership Award honoring him for his consistent record, community outreach, dedication, and overall effectiveness; and;

WHEREAS, Eddie was born in Prairie Point, Mississippi, and his family relocated to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during his infancy. He attended 20th Street Elementary School and Druid High School. Eddie excelled in competitive sports and developed award-winning proficiency in baseball, basketball, and football. Following his graduation from Druid High School, he enrolled at Stillman College but transferred to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB and formerly Arkansas AM&N) on an athletic baseball and football scholarship. At UAPB, he earned the coveted position of quarterback, and lettered in football and baseball. He also served as Captain of the baseball team and made All Conference. Eddie earned a Master's Degree in School Administration from Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, following graduation from college, Eddie taught in the Chicago, Illinois, Public School System. He later relocated and served as assistant football coach at Jackson State University where he recruited and signed Hall of Fame great Walter Payton and several other professional players. Coach Sherrod also taught and coached football at Alcorn State University, Prairie View A & M University and Alabama A & M University. During his education career, he taught and coached in the public school systems of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and in Houston and Beaumont, Texas. He later became a public administrator in the Gadsden Public School System, and Madison County Schools. He retired as a school administrator with Madison County Schools in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, after Eddie retired from coaching, he was elected Chairman of the Madison County Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) and has been re-elected every year for 14 consecutive years. As Chairman, he initiated the Annual Membership Breakfast recognizing and honoring members who have made significant contributions to the membership, and resulting in Madison County maintaining the largest county membership for many years. He introduced the Annual ADC Golf Tournament in 2000. The Madison County Unit sponsors an aggressive voter registration, voter education and Get Out the Vote campaign each election cycle. Chairman Sherrod has personally registered more than 1,000 new voters. He is a member of the Madison County and State Democratic Executive Committee, and attended the 2012 Democratic National Convention serving on the Rules Committee; and,

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WHEREAS, Eddie is a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He also holds membership in the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Alabama Education Association (AEA), National Education Association (NEA), Madison County Democratic Men's Club, National Alumni Association of UAPB and Alabama New South Coalition. He serves on the Board of the Huntsville/Madison County Mental Health Center, and served as President and member for ten years on the Board of Madison & Limestone Counties Community Action Agency. He is a past president of the North Huntsville Kiwanis Club and the Community Action Partnership for Huntsville, Madison and Limestone Counties; and,

WHEREAS, Eddie has formally been recognized by the local legislative delegation for Outstanding Leadership to the ADC and has received numerous awards including the Dreamer Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the Honors of the Council Award presented by the Madison County Worshipful Masters Council and the Voting Rights Act Renewal Award presented by the Voter Rights Project, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, Eddie is married to the Honorable Martha Lynn Sherrod, District Judge Retired, and they are the proud parents of four children, daughters Edrena, Edlecia, and Laura, and son Eddie, Jr. They are active members of the St. John AME Church where he serves as a Steward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Eddie Cedric Sherrod, Sr. for his many years of outstanding leadership and public service to our community. May every success be yours in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

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

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

