

RESOLUTION NO. 13-623

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Mr. Issac 'IKE' Walter Rooks, Jr., will be honored as one of the Lakeside United Methodist Church Laudable Legacies during a celebration to be held Saturday, August 24, 2013, at Lakeside Church; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooks is a Huntsville native and has been a prominent pillar in his community throughout his life. As a husband, parent, grandparent, brother, uncle, Christian man, teacher, principal, coach, long-term organization officer, program director, manager, TV personality, radio voice and volunteer, he has proven worthy of all his titles. Longevity and endurance are nouns which characterize his services; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooks is married to Nancy Palmer Rooks. They are the proud parents of one son, Issac Walter "Sonny" Rooks III, the father of Hannah-Grace Palmer Rooks, the apple of their eyes; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooks' long time service rendered at Lakeside United Methodist Church began at the church's original site, Jefferson Street, downtown Huntsville. It was there he began his attachment to the microphone as the giver of the Sunday morning church announcements and vocalist with the sanctuary choir. Ike has also been a charge lay leader, certified lay speaker, and President of the Methodist Men organization; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooks' education career covered a span of 41 years in the Huntsville Board of Education System. His career began at West Huntsville Junior High School, Huntsville-Madison County, and ended in 1991 at the administrative office of the local school system; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rooks served as a 50-year President of the Fraternal Club of Huntsville, radio voice of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (A&M) Bulldogs, his alma mater for 44 years and 1960s founding member of the Athletic Booster Club of Huntsville. His involvement in the A&M sports arena includes co-host of "Viewpoint" and TV Channel 19 with former A&M coach, the late Lewis Crews for 15 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize and gratefully acknowledge Issac 'IKE' Walter Rooks, Jr., for his many outstanding contributions devoted to the Lakeside United Methodist Church, Huntsville community, Alabama A&M University, as well as notable influences affecting their posterity. May every success be yours for all future endeavors.

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ADOPTED this the 22nd day of August, 2013.

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

APPROVED this the 22nd day of August, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama