

RESOLUTION NO. 13-650

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Henry Beecher Hicks, III, will serve as the keynote speaker at the Awards Luncheon during the North Alabama African-American Chamber of Commerce (NAAACC) 20th Annual Business Opportunity Conference and Expo held at the Von Braun Center on September 11 and 12, 2013, in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the NAAACC is dedicated to the economic development, job creation and advocacy that is critical to the future growth and success of its member businesses and the community at large. The NAAACC is one of five affiliates of the Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce; and,

WHEREAS, Henry Beecher Hicks, III's professional experiences have included work in both the private and public sectors where he focused on building enterprises as a consultant, banker, investor and operating executive. He presently serves as a partner with Red Clay Capital Holdings, LLC, a private equity firm with offices in Nashville, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia, that is focused on making control investments in the southeastern United States; and,

WHEREAS, Henry also served as president of RLCL Acquisition, LLC, dba Gray Line of Tennessee, the largest private motorcoach operator in the state of Tennessee and the 25th largest in the country and previously served as an operating principal with Onyx Capital Ventures. In this role, he was an executive in each of their portfolio companies, in the injection molding and contract manufacturing businesses where he led efforts to achieve top-line growth of more than 25% and was the primary liaison with large corporate customers. Henry was a Principal with Katalyst, LLC a management consulting, investment banking and private equity firm focused on emerging technology companies located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also worked formerly as Vice President of the Bank of America Catalyst Equity Fund in Charlotte, North Carolina, a small business investment company ("SBIC") focused on investing in disadvantaged businesses. Mr. Hicks also served as a Vice President in the Mergers and Acquisitions Group of Bank of America Securities, as an Associate with Bank of America Capital Partners and was Assistant to the Chairman of Bank of America. His other professional positions have included working as a Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers and as a Sales Representative with Monsanto. Through these experiences, Henry has closed more than \$1 billion in transactions as principal and advisor; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hicks was appointed in 1988 by President William J. Clinton to be a White House Fellow. In this capacity he was Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service and launched the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program on behalf of the President and General Colin Powell. Henry is

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a member of the board of directors for Hands on Atlanta; co-chair of the Mayor's Business Response Team in Nashville and is chairman of the development effort for the National Museum of African-American Music. He is also a member of the Leadership Nashville class of 2011 and served previously on the board of directors for United Therapeutics Corporation (NASDAQ: UTHR) where he was on the audit and compensation committees; and,

WHEREAS, Henry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing from Morehouse College and an MBA in Finance from the University of North Carolina. He enjoys writing to his blog, All Grown Up - Mostly (www.agumostly.blogspot.com), as well as tennis, basketball, golf and reading modern history and fiction. He is married to Crystal Hicks, an elementary educator, and they are the proud parents of two active young sons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, acknowledge and recognize Henry Beecher Hicks, III, for being a proven business Leader and serving as the keynote speaker at the Awards Luncheon during the North Alabama African-American Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Business Opportunity Conference and Expo. We extend best wishes for 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

