

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-697**

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., is hosting its Second Annual Scholarship Gala to be held in the Boone-Lacey Fellowship Hall, Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on September 26, 2013. The theme for the Gala is "Integrating Educational Practices through STEM;" and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Showers, Sr., is the Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree. Hardworking, committed and dedicated: These are a few words characteristic of a man who has given and continues to give to mankind and the community. Dr. Richard Showers, Sr., is a City Councilman/City Council President Pro-tem representing District 1. He has served on the Huntsville City Council since 1988, and made many contributions to improve the lives of the citizenry in District 1; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Showers received his educational training at Alabama A&M University, earning both the Bachelor of Science degree in agribusiness education and the Master of Science degree in trade and industrial education. He pursued additional studies in adult and continuing education at Auburn University. Additionally, he was honored with an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree; and,

WHEREAS, during his professional career in education, Dr. Showers has served as a vocational and adult education instructor and adult education coordinator. While employed with Huntsville City Schools, he was a career technical education teacher. Dr. Showers gave 36 years of dedicated service in the educational profession, helping to mold the minds of youths to become astute and productive citizens in the world of work. In 2005, he retired from the education profession and devoted his time to the issues and concerns within his district; and,

WHEREAS, his involvements with civic and community organizations are numerous. He has served on several commissions and boards that are instrumental to the successful growth and development of Huntsville. Some of the board affiliations include: Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning Committee, Historical Preservation Authority, Zoning Subcommittee and many others. Currently, he is a member of the National Education Association, Alabama Education Association; life member, Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc.; life member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; member, Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and life member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Showers is a long-time active and faithful member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon. Other religious affiliations include: President, Alabama State Missionary Baptist Laymen's Movement; First Vice President, National Baptist Layman's Movement; and Trustee, Selma University; and,

WHEREAS, he has received scores of awards, citations and plaques in recognition of his dedicated service to humanity and notable achievements. Some of the awards are: Greater Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship Award, NAACP Award for Excellence, Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Award and NAFEO Distinguished Alabama A&M University Alumni/Presidential Citation; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Showers and his lovely wife Bettye Ann are the proud parents of five children and eight grandchildren. The members of the board of directors of the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., salute Dr. Richard Showers, Sr., for Lifetime Achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., on their Second Annual Scholarship Gala, and extend best wishes for continued success.

**ADOPTED** on this the 26th day of September, 2013.

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

**APPROVED** on this the 26th day of September, 2013.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama