

RESOLUTION NO. 13-816

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Eagle Scout Gunnar Hulebak has been submitted for the Boy Scouts of America Medal of Merit for outstanding leadership and exceptional implementation of teachings and experiences learned in the Boy Scouts. This honor is being recommended by Jeff Seale, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 7343, Hampton Cove, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, Eagle Scout Gunnar Hulebak was driving home from high school when he observed a jogger attempting to cross the street in front of him. Not seeing the traffic approaching from behind, the jogger turned into the street and was struck by the front, right side of the trailing vehicle directly in front of Gunnar; and,

WHEREAS, the young man was thrown into the gutter striking his head and face on the curb. Gunnar witnessed the entire incident. After bringing his vehicle to a complete stop, he placed his vehicle in park and activated the hazard lights. He ran to the victim and began to administer first aid. With the assistance of a fellow high school student, Gunnar began to treat the victim for shock. Recognizing the victim was disoriented, bleeding profusely from the mouth and suffering from a severely broken leg, he stabilized the victim's body and started to provide comfort and reassurance that additional help would soon arrive. The victim had lost many teeth, and because of the amount of blood coming from his mouth and jaw, Gunnar determined it was best to elevate the victim's head to allow him to breathe without choking; and,

WHEREAS, at the same time, Gunnar checked to ensure Emergency 911 had been called and that rescue vehicles were enroute. He then directed other bystanders to support the victim and provide continued care and comfort; and,

WHEREAS, seeing a traffic jam was developing, Gunnar directed traffic away from the accident scene to clear a path for emergency vehicles. The ambulance arrived within eight minutes of the accident, and was shortly followed by local police and firemen. The victim was immediately attended by paramedics, placed in the ambulance and transported to a local hospital for emergency care and surgery; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout Gunnar Hulebak's use of skills acquired in the Boy Scouts of America reflects highly on him and the leadership of Troop 7343. His proficiency in providing rapid assistance to a severely injured victim, directing other bystanders to assist and securing the accident scene to allow easy access for emergency vehicles demonstrated lessons well learned.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we hereby recognize and express our admiration and appreciation to Eagle Scout Gunnar Hulebak, Troop 7343, for his bravery, courage, heroism and service to his fellow man in the performance of this bold deed. It is certain the lessons and training received in the Boy Scouts have and will serve you well throughout your life. We wish you the very best in all future endeavors, and a continued life of leadership and service.

ADOPTED this the 24th day of October, 2013.

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

APPROVED this the 24th day of October, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama