

RESOLUTION NO. 14-275

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the extraordinary service William C. Pippin has rendered since July of 1985 to Huntsville Utilities, an electric, water, and natural gas utility serving the City of Huntsville and Madison County. He served as its Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Administrative Services, and the last 21 years as President and Chief Executive Officer; and,

WHEREAS, upon graduating from New Mexico State in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, Bill entered the U. S. Army and served four years as an Ordinance Officer in various positions. After discharge, he went to work for Texas Electric Service Company in Fort Worth, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, he has displayed exceptional leadership, guiding Huntsville Utilities through several periods of explosive customer growth and fundamental change, preparing and positioning Huntsville Utilities for the future. He led Huntsville Utilities' employees and customers through a number of adverse weather events, including the Airport Road tornado of 1989, the blizzard of March 1993, ice storms in 1994 and 1996, and the tornado outbreak in April 2011; and,

WHEREAS, during his singular tenure, both in longevity and distinction as President and CEO of Huntsville Utilities, he has dealt skillfully and knowledgeably with officials at all levels, and has represented Huntsville Utilities on a regular basis to address and promote issues and concerns of Huntsville Utilities and the utility industry. He has dealt adeptly with legislators, executives and TVA officials, and other industry figures on behalf of Huntsville Utilities; and,

WHEREAS, Bill has served the utility industry admirably for over 40 years in a number of different roles. Some of these include the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's (TVPPA) Board of Directors, TVPPA Rates & Contracts and Power Supply Committees, TVPPA Regional Transmission Organization Task Force, TVPPA Valley Energy Board, TVPPA Government Relations Committee, member of the Seven States Energy Corporation, representing Huntsville Utilities with the Big 8 distributors in the Tennessee Valley, Electric Cities of Alabama's Executive Committee and Board of Directors, President of the North Alabama Public Power Association, and Chairman of the North Alabama Industrial Development Association. In appreciation for his notable service, he was awarded the Richard C. Crawford Distinguished Service Award by TVPPA in 2012; and,

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Huntsville Utilities has been acknowledged numerous times for efforts regarding safety concerns and operational excellence through industry awards and recognitions by organizations such as the Business Council of Alabama, the American Public Power Association, the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, the American Public Gas Association, the National Safety Council, the American Water Works Association, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, and the Tennessee Valley Authority; and,

WHEREAS, he has served the Huntsville community honorably as a member of the Huntsville Rotary Club, member and past president of the Heart of the Valley YMCA, Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Chairman of the Chamber's Industry Appreciation Committee and member of the Executive Committee, Huntsville Botanical Garden Advisory Board, and four-time Co-Chair of the Huntsville-Madison County March of Dimes; and,

WHEREAS, the length and quality of William C. Pippin's service to Huntsville Utilities and the extraordinary manner in which he has earned acclaim for himself and Huntsville Utilities in the fields of

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electricity, water, and natural gas service can be characterized as truly exceptional and unparalleled among utility chief executives in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Bill and wife, Cynthia, will celebrate 46 years of marriage in September 2014. They have three adult children, Jonathan, Charles, and Marlaina, and have been blessed with seven grandsons, one granddaughter, and another grandchild due later this year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby extend to William C. Pippin sincere and grateful appreciation for his dedicated service to Huntsville Utilities, the City of Huntsville, Madison County, and the State of Alabama. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement, and best wishes for continued success, good health, and happiness in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 24th day of April, 2014.

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

APPROVED this the 24th day of April, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama