

RESOLUTION NO. 14-276

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that on April 30, 2014, Reverend Endia J. Scruggs will celebrate her 25th Anniversary as Pastor of the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, a Pre-Anniversary Fellowship Banquet will be held to honor Reverend Scruggs on April 25, 2014, at the Westin Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. The Anniversary Celebration culminates on Sunday, April 27, 2014, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service with Dr. Julius R. Scruggs, Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, serving as guest speaker; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs is married to Elder Eddie L. Scruggs, and they are the proud parents of five adult children: Ronald, Tony, Stephanie, Sean, and Sabrina; and two grandchildren: Jerren Christopher and Jeremiah Canaan; and,

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1989, the Reverend Endia J. Scruggs was installed as Pastor of Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, becoming the first woman called to pastor an organized church in the Huntsville Presbytery. When Reverend Scruggs began her pastorage in 1989, there were 163 members on roll. Under her pastorate, the Madkins Chapel Church family has grown numerically as well as spiritually. Under Reverend Scruggs's dynamic leadership, the Madkins Chapel congregation has grown to become the largest in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America (CPCA) denomination; and,

WHEREAS, under her apt leadership, a new edifice was completed in February 2000. The new facility includes classrooms, a fellowship hall that seats 300, church offices, and a sanctuary that seats approximately 800. New ministries have been established at Madkins Chapel to include Mission and Evangelism, Men's Fellowship, and Audio Ministry; and,

WHEREAS, dedicatory services were held March 26, 2000, in support of the new facility. As a result of Reverend Scruggs' exceptional leadership, in February 2012, the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America achieved another milestone in the history of its church having completed paying off of the mortgage three and one half years earlier than scheduled. The Mortgage Burning Celebration was held on April 20-22, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, nationally, Reverend Scruggs was the first woman to serve as moderator of the General Assembly of the CPCA denomination. She was the first moderator to serve two consecutive terms in the CPCA denomination. She has served as moderator and vice-moderator of the Huntsville Presbytery of the CPCA and currently serves on several committees of the General Assembly and the Huntsville Presbytery. She

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is a member of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship (GHIMF) and is a community activist in the Huntsville-Madison County area; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Scruggs' awards and accomplishments are many. She was a recipient of the Morgan County NAACP Award in 2002. In June 2004, she received a community service award from the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of Alabama A&M University. In 2005, Reverend Scruggs was one of eight pastors selected to participate in a Leadership Development Continuing Education Program. This program gave her the opportunity to interact with other pastors as well as travel outside of the United States. In February 2006, she was one of six recipients of the Rosa Parks Award presented by the Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of the NAACP. In March 2006, the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity presented Reverend Scruggs with a hand painted portrait of Martin Luther King, Jr., and recognized her for the leadership and spiritual guidance she has shown in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Reverend Endia J. Scruggs for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Madkins Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America and the citizens of our community. May every success be yours in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED on this the 24th day of April, 2014

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

APPROVED on this the 24th day of April, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

