

RESOLUTION NO. 14-312

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will have a weekend of worship and praise on May 16 and 18, 2014, celebrating 25 years of faithful service by Pastor and Sister O. Wendell Davis. The theme for the Appreciation Celebration is 'Celebrating the Past. . .embracing our future in Christ' (Jeremiah 29:11). There will be a fellowship dinner at the Von Braun Center, North Hall on Friday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m., and conclude with praise and worship services on Sunday in the Union Chapel M. B. Church Sanctuary at 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The guest speaker for Sunday services will be Pastor Kenneth Maurice Davis, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, D'Iberville, Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Davis was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, grew up in Gulfport, Mississippi, and now lives in Huntsville, Alabama. He and his wife, Dora, are the proud parents of three children: Michael Davis, Aaron Davis and Timothy Davis, all of Huntsville; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Davis earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Athens State University, Master of Science in Christian Ministry, Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry and a Doctor of Ministry in Church History from Southern Christian University (now Amridge University); and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Davis accepted the call to pastor Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in September 1989 as the third pastor in its 80-year history. Since the beginning of his pastorate, spiritual edification has been his primary goal. He established the Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies in 1998, two church services and Wednesday noon bible study; and,

WHEREAS, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Davis oversaw the construction of a new worship facility on Winchester Road to accommodate the growing membership of the church. Because of a sincere desire to minister to the needs of the whole family, Dr. Davis spearheaded the building of a new Child Development Center, Family Life Center for continuous family enrichment, Union Chapel Christian Academy (grades k-5 - 12th grade) and the newest addition of a church pavilion built to accommodate outdoor fellowship with a seating capacity of 612; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Davis is the author of several books, a former radio Christian talk show host and conducts workshops ranging from Marriage Enrichment to Developing Christian Leaders. He is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, Alabama State Missionary Baptist Congress of Christian Education and national, state and local Economic Development Initiatives, to name a few. He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his faithful service to mankind; and,

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WHEREAS, Pastor Davis is a dedicated Christian, loves God and loves God's people. His favorite song is "God Has Smiled on Me."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, acknowledge Pastor Dr. O. Wendell Davis for his many years of godly service, and congratulate him for 25 years of faithful service at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama. We extend our best wishes in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of May, 2014.

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

APPROVED this the 8th day of May, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama