

**RESOLUTION No. 14-348**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that the Rosetta James Foundation, Inc., has been selected as the "Civic and Community Leadership Award Honoree," during the Thirteenth Annual Leadership Awards Banquet sponsored by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the beautiful campus of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University on June 7, 2014; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rosetta James Foundation was founded in December 2006. It is a 509 (a) (2) Public Charity and educational organization founded for the sole purposes of providing scholarships to deserving students and recognizing the contributions of the elderly in the community while promoting volunteerism and community outreach; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation's famous "Honoring Our Elders" Celebration is named in honor of Mrs. Rosetta James, a native of Akron, Alabama, in recognition of her outstanding and extraordinary dedication and service to many communities by way of active citizenship. Mrs. James has been and continues to be determined to seek and search for ways to serve the underserved, minister to the incarcerated, register citizens to vote, provide for the poor and assure hope for the hopeless throughout the Huntsville-Madison County for more than 30 years, an exemplar of servant citizenship; and,

**WHEREAS**, since 2007, the Foundation has honored six classes of distinguished, venerable individuals who have made stellar contributions to humankind. The honorees are senior citizens who champion the spirit of active citizenship not to mention their sheer love for serving others, communities to include their impeccable commitment to educational excellence.

**WHEREAS**, in the area of academic excellence, the Foundation has awarded more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in scholarships to deserving undergraduate students who demonstrate sound academics, the spirit of volunteerism, civic involvement, and other value adding extra-curricular activities. On November 3, 2013, the Rosetta James Foundation, in cooperation with the Alabama Humanities Foundation, Mike & Gilliam Goodrich Foundation and the Red Mountain Theatre Company sponsored a performance of the dramatic interpretation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s internationally noted "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Rosetta James Foundation, Inc., honoree of the 2014 "Civic and Community Leadership Award," and extend best wishes to them and the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc., of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama