

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-350**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. Patricia G. Sims, will be honored with the "Education Leadership Award" 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**, throughout Dr. Sims' professional career in education, she has been involved in developing, coordinating, implementing and overseeing quality educational programs to further invigorate and enhance students' learning. Currently, she is the Dean of the College of Education at Athens State University where she is responsible for the strategic direction of the College and leveraging the College's core and unique competencies. During her tenure at J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, as Dean of Instructional and Student Services, she directed and oversaw instructional and student services divisions of the college which included online programs, adult education, student support services, and public relations and managed budgets totaling 1.5 million dollars; and,

**WHEREAS**, some of Dr. Sims' significant accomplishments at J.F. Drake were leading the efforts of the College to secure regional accreditation in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; expanding degrees offering from associates of applied technology to include associates of applied science, associates of arts and associates of science; and restructuring engineering technology program to provide the only soldering certification course in the North Alabama area to be offered by a community college; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sims earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama, the master of education degree in Secondary Education, Class AA Certification in Secondary Education and Class A Certification in School Administration from Alabama A&M University in Normal, Alabama and the Doctor of Education degree in Organizational Leadership and Development from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Some of her post doctoral studies include Harvard Institutes for Higher Education Management Development Program, Thomas L. Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership and Leadership Alabama Class XVII (17); and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sims is a member of numerous professional, community and civic organizations. Some of these include: Leadership Huntsville-Madison County Advisory Board; Board Member, Alabama Forever Wild Land Trust; Madison City Schools Career and Technical Advisory Committee, and Immediate Past President, Alabama Community College Association. Dr. Sims is an outstanding educator who has

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received scores of awards and honors for her contributions and achievements in education. Some of her honors include: recipient, Alabama Community College Systems Deans of Student Affairs, Othel L. Washington Student Affairs Officer of the Year Award and Alabama Community College System Chancellors Award Nominee for Administrator of the Year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Sims is a member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as a member of the Education Assistance Ministry. She and her husband Temika are the proud parents of one daughter Kristen, a senior at Alabama A&M University.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Patricia G. Sims, honoree of the 2014 "Education Leadership Award", and extend best wishes to her 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

