

RESOLUTION NO. 14-351

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that a distinguished citizen, Dr. William A. "Bill" Craig, will be honored with the "Government and Industry 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, Dr. Craig is the Director of the Software Engineering Directorate (SED) of the United States Army Aviation and Missile Research, Development Engineering Center at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He started his civil service career in 1960 with Dr. Werhner Von Braun's Astrionics Laboratory before moving to the Army Ballistic Missile Defense Agency in 1970, and then as a charter member to the Army Missile Command's Missile System Software Center when it was established in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, for more than twenty-five years, Dr. Craig has ably lead SED. Under his leadership, the organization attained a Level 4 rating against the Software Engineering Institute's Software Capability Maturity Model. As a nationally recognized visionary leader and engineer, Dr. Craig enabled SED to experience significant growth and development, greatly expanding its customer base as well as enlarging its facilities. As one of only three Life Cycle Software Engineering Centers in the Army, SED provides software and systems engineering support for most of the Army's major weapon and aviation systems; and,

WHEREAS, under Dr. Craig's leadership, the SED organization is the responsible agent for the development and fielding of numerous Army systems, including the Joint Battle Command-Platform and Aviation Mission Planning System. The organization, in partnership with program executive offices, has established numerous Aviation and Missile System Integration Laboratories for the analysis and test of tactical systems and software. These laboratories provide the capability for Joint Service Interoperability Certification as well as Intra Army Certification. Additionally, the SED is responsible for development and deployment of the America's Army Program which includes the public game, weapon systems trainers, and Army recruiting applications; and,

WHEREAS, during Dr. Craig's tenure, the SED collaborates with a number of other organizations, agencies and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) including SMDC for Cyber Security; Jackson State University for Homeland Security, and as a Technology Transition Partner with the Software Engineering Institute. In partnership with UA Huntsville, he cultivated a robust Cooperative Education Program to include experiential learning for students in undergraduate engineering degree programs and advanced degrees in Software and Systems Engineering; and,

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WHEREAS, as a highly respected visionary leader in the community and a strong proponent of the greater Tennessee Valley, Dr. Craig has received countless honors, awards and citations in recognition of his contributions in his profession and to the community. Some of these include: Honorary Doctorate Degree, University of Alabama in Huntsville; Inductee, Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame; Inductee, Order of Saint Barbara, an honorary military society of the United States Field Artillery; and Medaris Award, Tennessee Valley National Defense Industrial Association. Additionally, Dr. Craig serves as a member of the advisory board for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at University of Alabama in Huntsville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Dr. William A. "Bill" Craig, honoree of the 2014 "Government and Industry Leadership Award", and extend best wishes to him 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.

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

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama