

RESOLUTION NO. 14-397

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the passing of Reverend Dr. William T. Gladys, Pastor of the historic Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church, "the Mother Church of the National Primitive Baptist Convention" and the oldest black church in the state of Alabama. He was the eighth pastor of Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church where he served over 27 years. A service in memory of Dr. Gladys will be 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 13, 2014 and a Celebration of Life Service will be 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2014, with Dr. Bernard C. Yates officiating at Saint Bartley Primitive Baptist Church with entombment in Meadowlawn Garden of Peace; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. William T. Gladys obtained his secondary education in Madison County and Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was a graduate and proud alumni of Alabama A & M University. He was a pastor, preacher, teacher, leader, bible expositor, writer, author and a great man of faith. He was also President of the Tri-States Convention, founding President of the Reconstituted Alabama Primitive Baptist Convention, President of Alabama State Primitive Baptist Convention, a member of the Board of Directors of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., a member of the F. L. Livingston Bible Institute of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and Dean, School of Methods, Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Association; and,

WHEREAS, loving survivors include: Wife, Bobbie J. Gladys, Harvest, Alabama; two sons, Elder Nicholas H. (Antionette) Gladys, Huntsville, Alabama; Christopher L. Gladys, Atlanta, Georgia; step-granddaughter, Reagan Pickett, Huntsville, Alabama; brother; Edward Gladys, Triana, Alabama; four sisters, Geraldine Turner, Madison, Alabama; Mary Jean (Marvin) Williams, Huntsville, Alabama; Patricia Shackelford (Herbert) Gray, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Annie Ruth (James) Pendleton, Huntsville, Alabama; and mother-in-law, Mary Toney, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Gladys was a dedicated servant of God who lived his life according to God's word. He had a quiet spirit and was a selfless humanitarian who will be sorely missed by his family and community. He was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening and playing golf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we express our acknowledgement and appreciation to Reverend Dr. William T. Gladys for his many contributions to the citizens of Huntsville and surrounding area, and for his steady and secure leadership of St. Bartley Primitive Baptist Church.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of June, 2014.

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

APPROVED this the 12th day of June, 2014, 2007.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama

