

RESOLUTION NO. 14-658

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., is hosting its Third Annual Scholarship Gala to be held in the Boone-Lacey Fellowship Hall at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on September 25, 2014. The theme for the Gala is "Changing the Paradigm: Educational Excellence Through STEM." We also wish to recognize the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation, Incorporated, as the Civic and Community STEM Awardee; and,

WHEREAS, the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, is widely known in the State of Alabama and around the world for its sponsorship of the eminent Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast; its mentoring group of eighth grade males, better known as ALPHAS (Aspiring Leaders Pursuing High Academic Standards); and its partnership with the March of Dimes, which receives a minimum of \$15,000 from the Foundation to support research to eradicate prematurity and birth defects; and,

WHEREAS, the Education Foundation was named after the Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. The Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded in Huntsville, Alabama, on April 13, 1948. The chapter has always been dedicated to improving education and health in the community, registering citizens to vote, and mentoring and tutoring young men and women; and,

WHEREAS, since 2010, the ALPHAS' Mentoring Program has assisted more than 100 young eighth-grade males in having a smooth transition into ninth grade at area high schools. During the six-month long program, the young males participate in several life skills workshops and seminars designed to provide them with a more enriched life. To increase the young males' awareness of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), the organization—through its outreach connections—collaborates with businesses and corporations utilizing STEM disciplines in the workforce to serve as facilitators and presenters for workshops and seminars; and,

WHEREAS, at the completion of the program, the young males participate in a closing ceremony/graduation in conjunction with the Alpha Scholars. At the ceremony, the participants receive a certificate, lapel pin and a monetary contribution. Additionally, recognition is given to the participants in essay writing and presentation. The awards in the essay presentations are a laptop to the first winner and a Microsoft tablet to the second place winner; and,

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WHEREAS, throughout the Huntsville-Madison community, the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation has sponsored and/or made contributions to several activities. Some of these include (1) awarding annually more than \$10,000 in scholarships to area youth; (2) organizing voter registration drives; (3) tutoring area and middle school students in math and science; (4) partnering with Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church's Education Assistance Ministry in planning and executing the annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Day; (5) partnering with Alabama A&M University's Career Development Services in promoting the Youth Motivation Task Force (YMTF); (6) providing a major contribution in the fight against Sickle Cell Anemia; and (7) sponsoring its own Cub Pack Troop (Cub Pack 906).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and commend the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., on their Third Annual Scholarship Gala and extend best wishes for continued success. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation, Incorporated, as the Civic and Community STEM Awardee for their many achievements, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 11th day of September, 2014.

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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama