

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-753**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU) Athletic Hall of Fame will hold its 23rd Induction Ceremony and Banquet on October 10, 2014, at the Ernest Knight Reception Center on AAMU campus at 7:00 p.m; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Class of 2014 includes five former bulldog greats representing the sports of track and field and swimming. The group of five includes Karsten Edwards, Georgia Marie Harrison, and Sharon Ann Moffatt, Track and Field; Dana Jones-Battle and the late Paul Collins Pate, Swimming; and,

**WHEREAS**, Karsten Edwards joined the AAMU Track and Field Team from 1992-1995 as a transfer student from Gainesville, Florida. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Karsten was affectionately known as "10.1" since he posted one of America's best 100-meters dash time and was one of the best sprinters in AAMU history. While at AAMU, Karsten became a six-time All Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) sprinter in the 100m, 200m and 4x100 relay over a three-year period. In addition, Karsten was also a three-time Division II All-American and served as team captain in 1993 and 1994. Karsten was among the top 40 in the world as he competed in the 1992 US Olympic Trial in New Orleans. Karsten received his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He is founder and president of Track Phi Track Elite Club and CEO of SMART Event Management, a Sporting Event Management Company, and currently resides in Stockbridge, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, Georgia Marie Harrison joined the AAMU Track Team from 1993-1996. Recruited by Coach Joseph Henderson, Georgia received a four-year athletic scholarship. Since 1992, Alabama A&M University has dominated women's outdoor track at the NCAA Division II level. Georgia is among the best in the nation in her respective events. Georgia received gold medals in the 400m dash and 400m intermediate hurdles and 400m relay team. Leading the pack from the SIAC, she received honors four times as USA Track and Field All-American during her career. Georgia received three degrees from AAMU; Bachelor of Science degree in Office Systems Management, Masters in Business Administration, and Masters in Education. Georgia is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, and currently resides in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dana Jones-Battle, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, received a four-year athletic scholarship to AAMU. She was a member of the Lady Seadogs Swim Team during 1981-1985. Dana set numerous records at the National Historically Black College Swimming and Diving Championship; 200-yard medley relay in 1983, 400-yard medley relay, 200-yard freestyle relay in 1984, 800-yard freestyle relay and 50-yard freestyle in 1985. Dana was named co-captain in 1984 and in 1985 named team captain. Dana was instrumental and helped the team to win their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive titles as the National Historically Black College Swimming and Diving Champions.

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She also holds AAMU pool record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.8 in 1981-1985. Dana received her Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Language Pathology and currently resides in Huntsville, Alabama; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sharon Ann Moffatt is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, and is widely recognized for her accomplishments at AAMU in Track and Field. She received NCAA All-American four times in 1980-1984, and received gold medals in the 400m hurdles, 400m, 400x4 relays, 100m hurdles and sprint medley. Sharon became the powerhouse in the track and field in the SIAC and was the champion in the 440m, 100m hurdles and 400x4 relay. Sharon received her Bachelor of Science degree in Office Administration. She works for a financial service institution in New York and currently resides in New Jersey; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Late Paul Collins Pate was a native of Chicago, Illinois. He left a swimming legacy at AAMU that was phenomenal and contributed his talents to an already outstanding swimming program. Recruited by Coach Freddie "Doc" Wyckoff, Paul received an athletic scholarship during 1985-1988. Paul set numerous University records such as 50-yard freestyle at AAMU, Georgia State University, Tennessee State University, 100-yards freestyle at AAMU and Western Kentucky University, 500-yards freestyle at University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, 100-yards Breaststroke at Florida A&M University and Vanderbilt University, 200-yards Breaststroke at College of Charleston and Georgia State University. In 1985, Paul received Most Valuable Swimmer in the SIAC; in 1986, received Swimmer of the Year in the SIAC; and in 1987, was recipient of the Black National Swimmer of the Year. Before his untimely death, Paul worked as an Independent Insurance Agent. In Paul's memory, he is honored as the recipient of the Posthumous Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate the Alabama A&M University Athletic Hall of Fame "Class of 2014 Inductees," and extend best wishes for continued success and health.

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**ADOPTED** this the 9th day of October, 2014.

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President of the City Council of  
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**APPROVED** this the 9th day of October, 2014.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama