

## RESOLUTION No. 15-129

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Reverend James Lane, will be honored for his active volunteerism in the local community during the "2015 Honoring Our Elders Celebration" sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation held at the Jackson Center on March 14, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rosetta James Foundation was founded in December 2006. It is a 509 (a) (2) public charity and educational organization founded for the purposes of providing scholarships to deserving students and recognizing the contributions of the elderly in the community while promoting volunteerism and community outreach; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation's famous "Honoring Our Elders Celebration" is named in honor of Mrs. Rosetta James, a native of Akron, Alabama, in recognition of her outstanding and extraordinary dedication and service to many communities by way of active citizenship. Mrs. James has been determined to seek and search for ways to serve the underserved, minister to the incarcerated, register citizens to vote, provide for the poor and assure hope for the hopeless throughout Huntsville-Madison County for more than 30 years, and continues to be an exemplar of servant citizenship; and,

**WHEREAS**, a veteran of the U.S. Navy (where he served stints in Shanghai, China, Okinawa, Japan, and the Philippines as a 1st Class Steward's Mate), Reverend Lane is a product of Union and Council Training Schools. He also earned a diploma from CTI in Chicago, pursued further study at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as Alabama A&M University and Atlanta University; and,

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Lane received his certificate of ordination from the Mallard Creek Primitive Baptist Association in 1960. By 1965, he was elected to the pastorate of Taylor's Chapel. Within seven years, the church annexed the ground of the former Number Four Hall School, and a decade later, set the stage for the occupation of its present site. He continued to grow spiritually and professionally, pursuing additional training in counseling for clergymen. Further church growth was acknowledge through the dedication of a new addition in 2011; and,

**WHEREAS**, active throughout the community, Pastor Lane has served as Vice Moderator of the Mallard Creek Primitive Baptist Association, and he has been called upon for his leadership and knowledge of Association structure. Moreover, he has served at all levels of leadership with the local, state and tri-state affiliates of the Baptist Convention. He has been a member of the Greater Huntsville Interdenominational Ministerial Fellowship since its founding more than fifty years ago; and,

**WHEREAS**, pastoring and preaching have been his calling. When asked about the number of people baptized, baby christenings, weddings, funerals and meetings over which he has presided, Reverend Lane replies, "I have lost count.;" and,

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**WHEREAS**, Reverend and Mrs. Lane are elder members of the Lightford, Drake, Lane and Moore (LDLM) Family. On July 24, 2014, the Lanes hosted the Family Reunion Heritage Tour at "The Lane Homestead." Both continue to receive numerous community awards and certificates for their many years of service and support to various organizations throughout the Tennessee Valley.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Reverend James Lane and the Rosetta James Foundation, and extend best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the 12th day of March, 2015.

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

**APPROVED** this the 12th day of March, 2015.

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Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama