

**RESOLUTION No. 15-131**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Mrs. Judy Link will be honored 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**, Mrs. Judy Link is a native of Maryland, but she traveled to Hawaii to meet and marry her husband of 42 years. They met on the beach in Waikiki and were married ten weeks later. Since her husband was a military officer, she traveled a lot. She moved her household 26 times in 30 years as an Army wife. After three tours at Redstone Arsenal, there was no doubt that Sweet Home Alabama would be her permanent home when Jim retired from the Army in 2000; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Link has always tried to make every place she lived better than she found it. Therefore, she has been very active in the Huntsville community and has given her time and talent to many charitable and civic activities. She has served on many boards and joined numerous organizations. Among these are the Burritt Museum, Early Works Foundation, School Foundation, Alabama Science Center (now SCIQUEST), United Cerebral Palsy, where she served as president, as well as the American Red Cross, the Arts Council and the Arthritis Foundation Advisory Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, she serves on the Board of Therapy Partners, is a member of the Tiffany Circle, a group of women who advance the American Red Cross mission through an investment of time, talent and treasure. Mrs. Link is also a member of the Huntsville Literary Association, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild, the Huntsville Hospital Millennium Society and Rotary Ann where she served as president; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Link is a graduate of Leadership Huntsville Focus Group #8, and was the Quality of Life day chair for Leadership Huntsville Master's Program. She has a 14-year involvement with the Greater Huntsville Humane Society, is a past co-chair of the Annual Dog Ball and is currently the Dog Ball Arrangements chair. She is also an associate member of the Botanical Garden Guild; and,

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**WHEREAS**, when Medal of Honor recipients visited Huntsville, she arranged a tour of the city and arranged luncheons for them. She has served as a Panoply volunteer and sponsored the VIP hospitality tent. As a member of the Symphony Guild, she worked as a docent in Huntsville City Schools. She also served on various Arts Council committees which prepare students for the Young People's Concert; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Link has received much recognition while serving at Redstone Arsenal and in Germany. In addition, she was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year for Huntsville and Madison County in 1989; the Path of Honor at the Senior Center in 2008; the Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award in 2005; and numerous American Red Cross recognitions over the years; and,

**WHEREAS**, her daughter Carey Anne, a graduate of UAH, is a federal employee at Redstone Arsenal and published poet pursuing a master's degree from Faulkner University.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Mrs. Judy Link 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