

**RESOLUTION No. 15-365**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mrs. Carolyn H. Parker will receive the William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumna Award, presented by the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association, Inc., on this Saturday, June 6, 2015, held at the Ernest L. Knight Reception Center on the campus of Alabama A&M University; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Carolyn H. Parker has been an advocate educator at the high school and college levels. Further, she has contributed many years of teaching to help students develop an inquiring mind and become successful and productive professionals in the world of work; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Parker is a native of Huntsville, Alabama. She attended Alabama A&M University and earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Education degree in History. She pursued further studies at Balliol College in Oxford England; University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, her professional teaching experiences include assignments in the Madison County Public Schools System and the Huntsville City Schools System. After a long tenure in the public schools system, she became employed as an adjunct professor of history at the University of Alabama Huntsville and Alabama A&M University. In 1991, she was employed as an assistant professor of history at Alabama A&M University (AAMU). While at AAMU, she taught the mega classes of World History 101 and 102; the class size would have consisted of 90 students or more. In addition to teaching at AAMU, Mrs. Parker presented papers, published articles, and gave book reviews. Some of her most recent presentations are: "Into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: The Problem of the Color Line Revisited," "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fill the Void," "The Role of African-American Women in American History," and "African-American and Civil Rights: A Re-appraisal."; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, she serves as a consultant with the National Endowment for Humanities which is an independent federal agency of the U.S. Government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. As a consultant, she has received funding for the following research: Armistad Research Center at Tulane: "The Harlem Renaissance" (with emphasis in Zora Neale Hurston); U.S. Military Academy at West Point: Center for Teacher Excellence and History Department; Texas Southern University: Center for Development of Effective Pedagogy for African American Learners (CPAL) and "The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama" (a new course developed in collaboration with a team of professors at the University of Alabama in Huntsville). The course was taught by professors at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and at Alabama A&M University; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout Mrs. Parker's professional career, she has been generous with her talents and with sharing her wisdom and knowledge. All the lives that she has touched know the depth of her sincerity and the strength of her enthusiasm and vigor. She is a member of numerous professional, civic, and community organizations. Some of them include: board of director, State Black Archives; advisory board member, Burritt Museum; board member and

secretary treasurer, Alabama Humanities Foundation; and member of membership committee, Southern Historical Association; and,

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of her contributions to the community, she has been honored by numerous organizations. Some of them are: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, U.S. Army Strategic Command, Close-Up Foundation, Citizen Bee, Oakwood University, EarlyWorks Museum, Burritt Museum, and Alabama Humanities Foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Mrs. Carolyn H. Parker, on receiving the William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumna Award. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the 28th day of May, 2015.

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

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**Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama**