

## **RESOLUTION No. 15-442**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that The Unity Christian Fellowship International Ministries- Huntsville, Alabama , will celebrate the Consecration Ceremony of Bishop-Elect Ernest A. Edwards, held June 27, 2015, at True Light COGIC; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bishop-Elect Ernest A. Edwards was born December 19, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was educated at Yokota Air Force Base, Japan and the Hampton Public Schools in Hampton, Virginia. He earned a Bachelor of Religious Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Jacksonville Theological Seminary; and,

**WHEREAS**, For over 24 years, Bishop-Elect Edwards served in the U.S. Army and was assigned to A Co 603D ASB Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, Georgia as his last duty assignment before retirement. He aspired to the rank of First Sergeant before retirement. His awards and decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and Army Achievements Medal. He also earned the Master Aviation Crew Member Badge. He is currently employed by the Department of Defense. Bishop-Elect Edwards also served as a member of the Huntsville City Council Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, Upon retiring from the military his Certificate of Ordination as an Elder was received from The Holy Deliverance Church of God (HDCOG) Foundation of The Truth, Inc. and transferred into First Jurisdiction in the state of Alabama, Church of God in Christ, Inc. in August of 2002 by Jurisdictional Bishop O.L. Meadows. He served as Elder and Assistant Pastor of True Light Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Dr. Terrell Harris Jr. Pastor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bishop-Elect Edwards first came to know Christ as his personal Lord and Savior in June 1982. Since then, he has held numerous positions in the church to include: usher, president/vice president of the Men's Fellowship, Outreach Coordinator, Armor Bearer, Jurisdictional Treasurer, Deacon, Minister, and Church Administrator at Gospel Temple C.O.G.I.C. Savannah, GA, as well as President of Public Relation for the Huntsville District, C.O.G.I.C.; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bishop-Elect Edwards was officially ordained Pastor of UCFI- Huntsville, Alabama October 1, 2010, by the Presiding Prelate of Unity Christian Fellowship Ministries International, Bishop Nelson K. Williams.

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**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 Bishop-Elect Ernest A. Edwards, in celebration of his becoming the Southeastern Region Bishop. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the 25th day of June, 2015.

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

**APPROVED** this the 25th day of June, 2015.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama