

## **RESOLUTION NO. 15-474**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Representative Anthony Daniels, Jr. has been named by the Alabama House Democratic Caucus, Legislator of the Year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Anthony was born in Bartow, Florida, but grew up in Midway, Alabama. In May 2005, Anthony graduated from Alabama A&M University (AAMU), cum laude, with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. In 2010, he received his Master's degree in Special Education from AAMU. In May 2009, he released his first book, To Sweeten Alabama: A Story of a Young Man Defying the Odds; and,

**WHEREAS**, in June 2006, Anthony was the first African American male elected as Chairman of the National Education Student Program, where he represented more than 62,000 college students from over 1,100 campuses nationwide. In this role, Anthony worked out of the National Education Association (NEA) headquarters in Washington, D.C. As a result of Anthony's leadership and collaboration with various organizations on behalf of NEA, the College Cost and Reduction Act of 2007 was signed into law by President George W. Bush. Anthony is recognized as a leading voice on the issues of college access and affordability. Anthony testified at hearings on education, spoke to live audiences, was invited to speak on nationally syndicated radio programs and television broadcasts, and was featured in various magazines discussing college affordability and mobilizing youth to be politically active; and,

**WHEREAS**, in July 2009, Anthony was appointed to Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle's Economic Sustainability Council, serving as the Chairman of Transportation. That September, Anthony was appointed chair of the Legislative Committee for the Huntsville Education Association (AEA), serving a one-year term. The following year, he was elected to the State Board of Directors for the AEA. In 2010, he was also appointed to the advisory committee for First-Book North Alabama, a non-profit organization that provides new books to disadvantaged children; and,

**WHEREAS**, Anthony continues to advocate for quality education for all as a public servant and as a former elementary teacher. His teaching experience includes teaching third grade at Academy of Science and Foreign Language, fourth grade at University Place Elementary, and a fourth and fifth grade blended class at Cochiti Middle School on an Indian reservation; and,

**WHEREAS**, in January 2012, he returned to his alma mater as the Corporation and Foundations Relations Officer until November 2014. Anthony is currently the CEO for Premiere Dental, a small business owned with his wife, Dr. Teneshia Daniels; and,

**WHEREAS**, in November 4, 2014, Anthony was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in a landslide victory, defeating his opponent with 78% of the votes cast for the newly-created House District 53 in Madison County. He serves on House Committees for Commerce and Small Business, Insurance, and Madison County Legislation. In addition, he was appointed to the Alabama Alcohol Study Commission.

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Anthony was named 2015 Legislator of the Year by the Alabama House Democratic Caucus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Representative Anthony Daniels for his contributions to District 53 in Madison County, Alabama, and on being named by the Alabama House Democratic Caucus, Legislator of the Year. May you have success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** this the   9th   day of   July  , 2015.

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

**APPROVED** this the   9th   day of   July  , 2015.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama