

RESOLUTION No. 15-511

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that General Dennis L. Via will be honored with Kappa Alpha Psi's highest honor, the Laurel Wreath, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, held in New Orleans, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, General Via is a native of Martinsville-Henry County, Virginia. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School and had perfect attendance for 12 years. At Carver High School, he played football for two years (halfback and cornerback), and was the trainer on the boys Varsity Basketball Team. After high school, he enrolled at Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, while in college, General Via attended ROTC camp at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and was attracted by such things as the challenge, discipline and leadership opportunities. He enrolled in the ROTC program back at Virginia State. He graduated in 1980 as a distinguished military graduate and received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He also received a Master's Degree from Boston University and graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College; and,

WHEREAS, General Dennis L. Via became the 18th Commanding General of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) in August of 2012. Prior to assuming command, he served as the AMC Deputy Commanding General, and he deployed to Kuwait to oversee the retrograde of equipment and materiel out of Iraq at the conclusion of Operation New Dawn; and,

WHEREAS, he previously served on The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. as Director for Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems, J-6. General Via has served in numerous command positions, including Commanding General, Communications-Electronics Command (CECOM) at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; 5th Signal Command, Mannheim, Germany; Third Signal Brigade, III Armored Corps, Fort Hood, Texas; and 82nd Signal Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, General Via is married to the former Linda A. Brown. They have two sons, Brian and Bradley.

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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 General Dennis L. Via, in recognition of his being the recipient of Kappa Alpha Psi's highest honor, the Laurel Wreath. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 23rd day of July, 2015.

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

APPROVED this the 23rd day of July, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama