

RESOLUTION NO. 15-

WHEREAS, Samuel Riley Butler was raised in Huntsville, Alabama, and received his education in Madison County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Butler was instrumental in the early success of Huntsville's school system as he served as superintendent from 1893 to 1905; and

WHEREAS, in 1905 he was elected county superintendent of education of Madison County, 1903, and was re-elected three times without opposition; and

WHEREAS, in 1908 he started Butler Training School and operated it until 1914. The building would eventually become what is now known as the Annie Merts Center; and

WHEREAS, in 1951 Butler High School was built at the intersection of Clinton Avenue and Governor's Drive and named in honor of Samuel Riley Butler; and

WHEREAS, Butler High School relocated to Holmes Avenue in the late 1960s and was closed following the 2014-15 school year; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that Samuel Riley Butler continue to be recognized in honor of his leadership and contributions in the formative years of Huntsville City Schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that in honor of the leadership and contributions of Samuel Riley Butler the park located at 2606 Clinton Avenue be hereby designated as "Samuel Riley Butler Green" and commonly referred to as "Butler Green".

ADOPTED this the 27th day of August, 2015.

President of the City Council
Of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 27th day of August, 2015.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama