

RESOLUTION No. 16-137

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mr. Joe Ritch was re-elected Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors on February 12, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Ritch is a partner at the Sirote & Permutt law firm in Huntsville, Alabama, where he has worked since 1982. He is the firm's co-chair of the Privacy & Data Security Practice Group. Outside of the office, Ritch is well-known throughout the Southeast for his economic development work; and,

WHEREAS, Joe Ritch has served on numerous corporate and non-profit agency boards. He serves as the Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority Base Realignment and Closures Committee. Ritch has served on the University of Alabama Board of Trustees, and is now a Trustee Emeritus. He currently chairs the University of Alabama-Huntsville Eminent Scholars Foundation, and in 1979-1982 was founder and first head coach of the University of Alabama-Huntsville ice hockey program. He also serves as a member of the Ohio State University School of Engineering External Advisory Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Ritch has received the Chamber's Distinguished Service Award for both the UAH and Madison County Sports Hall of Fame. He is the recipient of the Space Club's Distinguished Service Award and was also inducted into the North Alabama Business Hall of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, a native of Selma, Alabama, Ritch is married to Lana C. Ritch. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, a law degree from Samford University, and a postgraduate law degree in taxation from New York University; and,

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 Mr. Joe Ritch on being re-elected Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 25th day of February, 2016.

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

APPROVED this the 25th day of February, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama