

RESOLUTION No. 16-288

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that President Andrew Hugine, Jr. led faculty and staff on Alabama A&M University's Fourth Presidential Community Engagement and Recruitment Tour, held February 1-5, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, during the tour, scholarships were presented to 757 students in 51 high schools, bringing four-year scholarships awarded to more than \$14 million. The annual tour aims to acknowledge excellence among high school students accepted to Alabama A&M University by recognizing them in an assembly program and presenting them with their scholarships in person by President Hugine. It also aims to encourage other students to strive for high academic achievement, and to tell the Alabama A&M University story; and,

WHEREAS, participants from the University included President Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr. and First Lady Abbiegail Hugine, Ms. Venita King, Ms. Charsheia Adams, Mr. Cary Watkins, Mr. Demond Lester, Mr. Kenneth Hoggan, Mr. Morris Hall, and Mr. Alexander Chase from the Office of Admissions, Mr. Quentin Pearson from the Office of Veterans Affairs & Special Services, Mrs. Mindi Thompson from Academic Advising, Dr. Larry McDaniel from the College of Business and Public Affairs, Dr. Kyla Pitcher from the University Honors Center, Mr. Gerald Vines from the College of Engineering, Mr. Darryl Jackson from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Mrs. Marjorie Battle from the College of Education, Dr. Bernice Richardson, a retiree and Alumna of Alabama A&M University, LTC Richard Ruffin (Retired) from the ROTC Department, Miss Joi Miller, the current Miss Alabama A&M University; Miss Kyla Rankin, Special Assistant to Miss Alabama A&M University, Mr. Aaron Dixon, SGA President, Mr. Harold James, Mr. Darryl Hollis, and Miss Brittany Christian, Echo-Student Ambassadors, Mr. Isaiah Smith, Student of Urban Planning, Miss Shyna Dale, SGA Member, Miss Sadie Gauthier, Student of Education, Officer Dennis Gardner from the Office of Public Safety, Mr. Sylvester, Bulldog Transit System Driver, Dr. Cynthia Smith, Chair of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Ms. Carol Watkins, Alumna and President of the Birmingham Alumni Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, the tour began with stops at two high schools in Mobile, Alabama, and continued with stops at Eight Mile and Prichard. Day two began in Montgomery, and proceeded to stop in the Black Belt region, including Monroeville, two high schools in the Selma area, Uniontown, and Demopolis; and,

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WHEREAS, stops were also made in Tuscaloosa and Cottondale on day three of the tour, followed by stops in Fairfield, four stops in Birmingham, and a Mini College Fair on day four. The Tour concluded with stops on day five in Anniston, Gadsden, and Harvest/Huntsville.

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 President Andrew Hugine, Jr., and to Alabama A&M University on the occasion of their Fourth Presidential Community Engagement and Recruitment Tour. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 28th day of April, 2016.

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

APPROVED this the 28th day of April, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama