

RESOLUTION NO. 16-348

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mr. Trent H. Griffin will be honored for his Civic and Community Leadership during the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter's 15th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet, to be held at the Ernest L. Knight Center on Saturday, June 4, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Trent Griffin is a physicist at Marshall Space Flight Center within the Engineering Directorate, Space Systems Department, and part of the Electrical Electromechanical and Electronics Parts Team. In this capacity he develops programmatic requirements for space flight vehicles, payloads and experiments. He also serves as the Safety Supervisor for the Space Systems Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin is engaged in community outreach for NASA as a part of the Marshall Speakers Bureau and in the form of "Simple Science," a program he created to boost interest in S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education for youth. He captivates the students by performing and relating science experiments with items found in every home. He has presented this program for over 12 years at several schools within Huntsville and Madison; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffin is an accomplished mentor, motivational speaker and poet who has dedicated his life to working with and for others, especially youth. He is a frequently requested visitor at local schools and churches for holidays, Black History Month, youth motivation and "Read Across America." He was recently recognized nationally for his outreach efforts on the ABC Television Program "Good Morning America," where he was awarded the "Above and Beyond Award." At the workplace, he is known as "Mr. Griffin", but within the schools and area neighborhoods he is fondly known as "Mr. Trent"; and,

WHEREAS, he is a member of several professional, civic and community organizations. He is a member of the Huntsville City Citizens Board on Transportation, The Juvenile Conference Committee and is currently the president of the Northwest Huntsville Neighborhood Association. Most recently, he was the activities chairperson for the North Huntsville Back-To-School Parade. He is a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, and embodies its simple motto: "Culture for service and service for humanity."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby acknowledge, congratulate and extend best wishes to Mr. Trent H. Griffin on receiving the Civic and Community Leadership Award. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

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ADOPTED this the 26th day of May, 2016.

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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama