

RESOLUTION NO. 16-350

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mrs. Joyce L. Rentz will be honored as the recipient of the Education Award 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, Mrs. Joyce L. Rentz has vast experience in postsecondary education, coupled with exceptional abilities and management expertise to provide effective leadership that ensures growth and development in the education process. Her education credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics and a Master's Degree in education from South Carolina State University. She is pursuing a doctoral degree in Community College Leadership at Morgan State University; and,

WHEREAS, as a life-long educator, Mrs. Rentz started her career while working on her Master's Degree at South Carolina University and teaching part-time at Denmark Technical College. She later accepted the position of instructor of mathematics at Denmark Technical College and was appointed dean of industrial and related technologies. After relocating to Huntsville, with her family in 1993, she worked as an adjunct instructor at J.F. Drake State Technical College and was soon hired as the chairperson of general/transitional education and as an instructor of mathematics. Within a two-year span, 2013-2015, she was appointed as acting associate dean of instruction and then named dean of instruction at J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College, where she currently serves; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rentz currently serves on the Alabama Community College Association's Executive Committee for the two-year college system and is in charge of ambassadors and auxiliaries. Her prior assignment on the committee was the Commission on Faculty Chair. She was appointed by Chancellor Mark Heinrich to serve on the Developmental Education Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, she is a member of several professional, civic and community organizations, including the Instructional Officers Association for Academic Deans in the Alabama two-year college system; the Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and Lakeside United Methodist Church; and,

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WHEREAS, she has received many awards and recognitions, such as the Alabama College System Award of Excellence in 2003 and 2007 and member of the Class of 2007 of the Alabama Community College Leadership Academy; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rentz says: "My greatest love is God, and my joy comes from serving Him, my family, and teaching/mentoring my students at Drake State!"

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 Mrs. Joyce L. Rentz on receiving the Education Award during the 15th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 26th day of May, 2016.

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

APPROVED this the 26th day of May, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama