

RESOLUTION NO. 16-354

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mr. Erskine L. Valrie will be honored as the recipient of the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumnus of the Year 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, Erskine L. Valrie is a native of Deland, Florida, and a resident of Huntsville, Alabama. He was awarded a football scholarship in 1964 to attend Alabama A&M University under the leadership of the legendary and late Coach Louis "Sugar Bear" Crews. During his matriculation at AAMU, he was a great athlete in football, basketball and track. As the punter on the football team, he set records that no other AAMU athletes have surpassed. In 1966, the football team was undefeated and participated in the Black College National Championship Game (Orange Blossom Classic) in Miami, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Valrie received the Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration and the Master of Science Degree in urban studies and planning in 1971 from Alabama A&M University. During his professional career, he served more than 30 years as a civilian government employee with the Small Business Administration (SBA), where he utilized his abilities, skills and talents to add value to the organization's mission statement. In 2004, he retired as the Chief of the Portfolio Management Division at the Small Business Administration. Following his retirement from the government, he became the loan administration manager in the business lending department at Redstone Federal Credit Union (RFCU). At RFCU, he made significant contributions in the development of SBA lending and to the mission statement of RFCU, and was a valued, trusted advisor. Mr. Valrie retired from RFCU in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, in the community, he serves as a board director and member of numerous professional, civic and community organizations at the state and local levels. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Directors, Alabama State Board of Auctioneers; member, North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless; member, Bulldog Club; member, Athletic Community Resource Group; treasurer, Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter; member, AAMU Alumni Association, Inc.; and member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Hall of Fame Commission. Also, he is past chairman of the AAMU Athletic Hall of Fame. He is an active and faithful member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where he has served as the

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able and diligent coordinator of the Trustee Ministry for more than five years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Valrie has received scores of awards and honors in recognition of his service to humanity. Some of the awards are: recipient, William Hooper Councill Service Award, AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. (2015); Hall of Fame Inductee, High Schools of Deland Sports (2014); recipient, 40th Year Service Award, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (2011); recipient, Appreciation Award, AAMU Athletic Hall of Fame; recipient, 30th Year Government of the United States Service Award (2003); recipient, Mamie Labon Foster Award, AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. (2002); recipient, President's Citation, AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. (1998); recipient, Certificate of Appreciation, AAMU Alumni Association, Inc. (1996); and Hall of Fame Inductee, AAMU Athletic Hall of Fame (1995); and,

WHEREAS, he is married to his college sweetheart, Georgia Sharp Valrie, a 1971 graduate of Alabama A&M University. He is the proud father of two daughters: Lisa Kinsey Smith and Kreslyon Valrie Fleming. He is also a devoted grandfather of four grandchildren: Kalila Fleming, Kyle Fleming, Courtney Smith and Kory Fleming.

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. Erskine L. Valrie on receiving the Huntsville Progressive Alumni Chapter, Inc. Outstanding Alumnus of the Year 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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama