

RESOLUTION NO. 16-355

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Dr. Charles Rodgers will be honored as the recipient of the Religious Leadership 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, for 22 years, Dr. Charles Rodgers has served as the senior pastor of the Hope Community Church. Since its inception, God has richly blessed Hope Community Church and the Huntsville - Madison County community and surrounding communities through Pastor Rodgers' unrelenting leadership and steadfast commitment to strengthening families and enriching lives through the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Rodgers is globally recognized as a visionary, innovator and organizer with superior and exemplary leadership abilities. Dr. Rodgers is known as a "pastor's pastor." He possesses divine gifting that transcends denominational, cultural and generational boundaries. He is a nationally acclaimed preacher, facilitator and spiritual advisor. Also, he is the author of the book, "Delivered, But Damaged", and his two upcoming books in the works are entitled "Is There Not A Cause, The Social Gospel from Civil Rights to a Causeless People" and "Revelation: A Personal Commentary Through The Page"; and,

WHEREAS, in January 1994, Dr. Rodgers founded and established the Hope Community Church. Hope Ministries was birthed out of Dr. Rodgers' submission in answering the call of God. Dr. Rodgers, as did Abraham, left his place of employment and friends based on a word from God, and moved to Huntsville, a place where he had never been. In his obedience to the call of God, his spiritual leadership has produced a spiritual explosion evidenced by the growth and advancement of the kingdom of God as innumerable souls have been added to the Kingdom; and,

WHEREAS, with a heart for the lost, Pastor Rodgers began ministering to people that he met on street corners and anywhere that he could find an audience. Hope Community Church started its first meetings with six people in attendance. The church began to grow and lives began to change. Hope is now over 1,100 members strong. Hope is applauded by the Huntsville community as the prototype for church growth and church planting. Hope Church recently has added 12,000 square feet and \$700,000 in renovations to the former Elk Lodge and Social Club; and,

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WHEREAS, Dr. Rodgers is married to the love of his life, Lady Carlett Rodgers, and they have been married for 30 years. They are the proud parents of two children, Tiffani and Ryan.

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 Dr. Charles Rodgers on receiving the Religious Leadership 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