

RESOLUTION NO. 16-357

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Mrs. Alice F. Sams will be honored as the recipient of the William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumni 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. Alice Friend Sams, a native Huntsvillian, has been an advocate educator and community activist. Further, she has contributed many years of teaching within the Morgan County school system and the Columbia, South Carolina school system. She attended Alabama A&M University and earned the Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees; and,

WHEREAS, her professional teaching experience includes assignments in the Morgan County Public School System and the Willow Lane Public School System in Columbia. In the Richland School System, she served as a representative in the Richland County Education Association and had an impact on all teachers in the system. This experience instilled in her the need to serve for the betterment of humankind. In 1982, she began her second career at the U. S. Army Missile Command as a contract specialist. In 1985, she transferred to the Marshall Space Flight Center/NASA until her retirement in 2007. While serving at the Marshall Space Flight Center, she was elected President of the American Federation of Government Employees' Union and served in that capacity even after her retirement; and,

WHEREAS, currently, she serves as program director for Project Focus, a program designed to provide ex-offenders with leadership and mentoring opportunities, and in conjunction with other agencies, provide anger management, GED classes, job training and employment opportunities for prevailing success; and,

WHEREAS, she is "committed to service" and is actively involved in various professional and civic organizations. She is currently serving as President of the Huntsville-Madison County Branch of the NAACP, and has served in that capacity for the past 16 years. She is now 1st Vice President of the local NAACP, in which she holds Adult Life and Golden Heritage Memberships; and,

WHEREAS, throughout Mrs. Sams' professional career, she has served for the betterment of mankind. She realizes that nothing good can be accomplished continuously without the blessings of the Lord. She fosters the belief that "God gives strength and resources to continue to serve." She is a member of numerous professional, civic, and community organizations, including North Huntsville Community United for Action, Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the local Chapter of Selective Service Board; and,

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WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the community, she has been honored by numerous organizations, such as the NAACP Awards (Ruby Hurley Award, Medgar Evers Award and Alabama State NAACP President's Award), Huntsville Alumni Chapter Humanitarian Award, the Fraternal Club Community Service Award and XI Omicron Chapter Citizen of the Year Award.

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. Alice F. Same on receiving the William Hooper Council Distinguished Alumni 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