

RESOLUTION No. 16-433

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that the RiahRose Home for Children, Inc. will be honored for its untiring service to the community during the 15th Annual Thurgood Marshall Oratorical Luncheon to be held June 26, 2016, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on the grounds of the Huntsville International Airport; and,

WHEREAS, Carolyn Williams Jackson founded RiahRose Home for Children, Inc. in 2000. She asked her sister, Bettye Williams Dixie to serve as Executive Director of the facility. Carolyn is a graduate of Alabama A&M University and the University of Alabama. RiahRose Home for Children is the only facility for the homeless in Madison County licensed by the Alabama Department of Human Resources. The home operates only with volunteer employees and part-time social workers; and,

WHEREAS, driven by her experiences as a teenage mother, Carolyn Jackson was inspired to reach out into the community and care for some of the neglected children by becoming a foster parent. Since 1996, she and her husband have provided a safe, nurturing, and loving environment for countless children ranging in age from three weeks to twelve years of age. Their model performance as foster parents was so impressive that they were named "Foster Parents of the Year" by the Madison County Department of Human Resources. They have also received many other awards for their efforts; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, Carolyn and Nathaniel Jackson stepped out on faith, and using their own funds, established the RiahRose Home for Children and changed the age of the inhabitants to fourteen-nineteen. These teenage girls are mothers or soon to become mothers. The facility can house a maximum of ten females. Funding and support are primarily from the Jackson Family, local churches, agencies, and friends; and,

WHEREAS, RiahRose now accepts women with children or without children who are in need of a clean, safe and stable home, due to the increasing need for such services.

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 the RiahRose Home for Children, Inc., on being honored during the 15th Annual Thurgood Marshall Oratorical Luncheon. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

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ADOPTED this the 23rd day of June, 2016.

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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama