

RESOLUTION No. 16-825

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Dr. George Grayson will be recognized for his significant political contributions and his efforts in establishing a single-member voting districts in Huntsville and Madison County; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. George Grayson received the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Biology Education from Alabama A&M University, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Cytogenetics from Vanderbilt University, and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Dr. Grayson became the first African-American elected to the Alabama House of Representatives from Huntsville, Alabama, and was further distinguished by becoming the first Freshman Legislator to be appointed Chairman of the powerful House Education Committee, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Grayson sponsored legislation which provided railroad service to South Huntsville Industries, annexed rock quarries in North Madison County into the city of Huntsville to provide safety regulations for the citizens of Huntsville, and, along with Representative Bob Albright, broke the stalemate on I-565 construction by bringing mutual understanding to the Office of the Governor and the Attorney General; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Grayson led efforts to successfully establish single-member voting districts in Huntsville and Madison County, thus leading to the election of the first African-American to the City Council, the Madison County Commission, and the Huntsville Board of Education from single-member districts. He also led successful efforts to prevent the establishment of a state minimum security prison in the city of Huntsville; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Grayson contributed immeasurably to the economy of the city of Huntsville by securing more than \$50 million in one-time funding and an increase of more than \$15 Million annually in continuing appropriations for Alabama A&M University; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Grayson's illustrious career in the city of Huntsville, and in other areas too numerous to cite, makes his service worthy of recognition by the city of Huntsville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama do hereby acknowledge Dr. George Grayson for his many accomplishments that have enhances the lives of those in the city of Huntsville and surrounding areas, and extend best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

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ADOPTED this the 27th day of October, 2016.

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

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama