

ORDINANCE NO. 21-_____

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Shurney graduated from Tennessee State University in 1962 with a degree in physics and engineering; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shurney was one of the first African-Americans allowed the opportunity to work in the United States space program, beginning his career at Marshall Space Flight Center in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shurney had an outstanding career at NASA: He participated in the development of the Saturn V rocket, which carried Americans to the moon, and he was one of the designers of the lunar rover; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville owns the former Berachah campus located at 3011 Sparkman Drive NW, Huntsville, Alabama 35810 (“Berachah Campus”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville is redeveloping the Berachah Campus into a library and community center; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to re-name the Berachah Campus as “The Dr. Robert Shurney Legacy Center” in recognition and honor of Dr. Shurney’s valued contribution to the space program and his role as a trailblazer for African-Americans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville as follows:

1. That the Berachah Campus located at 3011 Sparkman Drive NW shall be named and henceforth known as “The Dr. Robert Shurney Legacy Center”.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

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

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama