

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., will receive the “Civic/Community Award” during Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation’s Sixth Annual Education Gala, “Gaining STEAM: Moving to the Next Level,” and,

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., is a proud member under the leadership of their 33rd Grand Polemarch, Brother Thomas L. Battles, Jr. This chapter is part of the Fraternity’s Southern Province led by the Provincial Polemarch, Brother Bertram K. Orum. The alumni chapter was chartered February 21, 1960, and,

WHEREAS, the chapter strives to meet the expectations of the fraternity's fundamental purpose "Achievement." The charter members of the Huntsville Alumni Chapter are Brothers Thornton Stanley, Sr., Walter Mullins, Edwin Hill, Bennett Higgins, Nathaniel Jackson, Condredge Holloway, Thomas House, Jerry Davis, Lionel Crump, and Alfred Hill. They had the vision just as our Founders did to make a difference in their community. From its inception, every endeavor was directed toward providing service projects for the needy in the Huntsville community, leadership programs for our youth and providing positive social events. The Huntsville Alumni Chapter has hosted four Southern Province Council Meetings: 19th Province Council Meeting 1969; 36th Province Council Meeting 1986; 53rd Province Council Meeting 2003 and the most recent 66th Province Council Meeting 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the chapter has produced a Laurel Wreath Laureate, Brother GEN (Retired) Dennis L. Via, 18th Commanding General for Army Materiel Command (and the only four-star Signal Corps Officer), Southern Province Polemarch and Grand Board Member: Brother Robert T. Hughes (1951 Gamma Phi initiate -Chapter Invisible), current Southern Province Board Member Brother Jason Jones. Southern Province Chief of Operations - Brother Michael Miller, Southern Province Senior Kappa Chair - Brother Richard Showers, Sr. and Southern Province St. Jude's Chairman Brother Christopher J. Calhoun, Sr. The chapter is also the home of Alabama A&M University Presidents Dr. Carl H. Marbury (1955 Gamma Phi initiate) and Dr. John T. Gibson, Sr. (1968 Gamma Epsilon initiate). In 2000, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter held the distinct honor of being named Southern Province Medium Chapter of the Year. 2013 Southern Province Reclamation Chapter of the Year, and also in 2013 Southern Province Large Chapter of the year; and,

WHEREAS, the Huntsville Alumni Chapter holds an annual Kappa Spiritual Event/Kappa Revival. From that event, the Kappa Choir has been requested to perform on several occasions at church events and other chapter Founders Day Ceremonies. The Chapter has been very active in Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets, Senior Kappa Breakfast, Christmas Gift Wrap for the Huntsville Crisis Services of North Alabama, and Adopt-a-Mile Program with the Green Team-Huntsville. The Guide Right Programs (Kappa Knights and Kappa League) have participated in business etiquette workshops and Kappa League graduating seniors received over \$200K in college scholarships. The Golf Tournament continues to be a success, raising funds for the foundation to help scholarship for local high school students. Also the Huntsville Alumni Chapter is proud of the success in making the Alabama Kappa Alpha Psi

License Plate Campaign a success. This Chapter has been solid and firm, mainly due to the great leadership of each Polemarch that has led the Chapter; and,

WHEREAS, The Brothers of the Huntsville Alumni Chapter are leaders and strive for achievement in every field of human endeavor. The Chapter is proud to count as active members of the bound brothers who are educators, engineers, and entrepreneurs, men of faith, doctors, lawyers and public servants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby gratefully acknowledge, congratulates, and extends best wishes to the Huntsville Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., on receiving this prestigious “Civic/Community Award.” May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED and **APPROVED** this the 14th day of September, 2017.