

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawn C. Stanley is being honored with the “Inspiring Young Minds to Succeed” Award during Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation’s Sixth Annual Education Gala, “Gaining STEAM: Moving to the Next Level,” and,

WHEREAS, Dawn has a calling for working with youth. She has worked with youth for twenty years since she first served as Christian Education Director and Youth Director at Liberty P.B. Church. She has organized programs for middle and high school students, including the award winning Emerging Young Leaders program and ASCEND (Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking, and Developmental Skills), respectively. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics were key aspects of these programs, which included collaborations with Hudson Alpha, NASA, Alabama A&M University, and the Sylvan Learning Center, to name a few. She leads the Girl of the Month Program, a long established partnership between her sorority and Girls, Inc., at which elementary and middle school girls are recognized for being helpful, sharing and caring. She has organized Girls Summits with Girls Inc., and has supported Girl Scouts and Reading is Fundamental. On Sundays, she teaches Sunday school to students in grades 1-3 at Progressive Union Missionary Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stanley is involved in various community organizations including Girls, Inc., Burritt Museum, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Jack and Jill of America. She serves on the Board of Directors of Redstone Federal Credit Union, and is a graduate of Leadership Huntsville/Madison County and Leadership Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, Dawn C. Stanley earned her B.S.E. from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a major in Chemical Engineering and minor in Biological Sciences. Mrs. Stanley is currently the Chief Engineer Office’s System Engineering and Integration Technical Manager for the Space Launch System (SLS) program. In this capacity and in conjunction with the SLS Chief Engineer, Mrs. Stanley provides technical and programmatic leadership in planning, directing, and executing SLS design and development activities, testing and analysis, and production and sustaining engineering for NASA’s SLS Program; and,

WHEREAS, throughout her NASA career, Mrs. Stanley has supported various programs/projects and initiatives including: Ares I-X, Space Shuttle, International Space Station, X-33, Chandra, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and numerous payloads. Mrs. Stanley has received several honors including the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, and Silver Snoopy award; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stanley is married to Thornton Stanley, Jr., and they are the proud parents of Thornton Stanley III, Drew Stanley and Hannah Stanley.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby gratefully acknowledge, congratulates, and extends best wishes to Dawn C. Stanley on receiving the “Inspiring Young Minds to Succeed” Award. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

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