

## **RESOLUTION NO 17-**

**WHEREAS**, Pastor O. Wendall Davis, pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be presented the “Lifetime Achievement Award” during the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation’s Sixth Annual Education Gala, “Gaining STEAM: Moving to the Next Level,” and,

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Davis is the pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and spent his formative years in Gulfport, Mississippi. After high school, he entered the U.S. Army and spent three years in service to his country; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Davis committed his life to Christ at the age of 24 and was called into the ministry one year later. He has served in the pastorate for over 40 years, beginning in 1981 as pastor of Independent Missionary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, Mississippi. After serving there for five years, he accepted the call in 1986 to pastor Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi. In 1989, he was called to shepherd the congregation of Union Chapel Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, where, in its 84 year history, he is only the third pastor; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Davis studied extensively at William Carey College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Calhoun Community College, Faulkner University, Liberty University and Alabama A & M. University prior to receiving his undergraduate degree from Athens State University. Continuing his education at Southern Christian University (presently Amridge University), Montgomery, Alabama, Pastor Davis earned his Master of Science in Ministry, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry Degrees. He is listed in Who’s Who among Students in American Universities & Colleges for Christ; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Davis is an accomplished Bible scholar, an influential teacher and communicator, an avid lecturer and preacher of God’s Word. He is affiliated with numerous religious and civic organizations and serves as Dean of Union Chapel Bible College. For over 20 years, he served as an instructor for National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and Alabama State Congress of Christian Education; and,

**WHEREAS**, spiritual edification has been the primary goal of Pastor Davis’ ministry since the beginning. To that end, he established the Union Chapel Institute of Biblical Studies in 1998, and a year later a weekly mid-day bible study was instituted. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Davis also oversaw the construction of a new worship facility. Because of a sincere desire to provide a holistic ministry that ministers to the needs of the entire family, Pastor Davis spearheaded the building of a new Child Development Center, Family Life Center for continuous family enrichment, Union Chapel Christian Academy (grades K-5 – 6th grade), and a church pavilion, built to accommodate outdoor fellowship; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Davis enjoys walking, reading, and outdoor sports. Most importantly, his passion is winning souls for Christ. He and his wife, Dora, are the proud parents of three sons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby gratefully acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Pastor O. Wendell Davis upon receiving the “Lifetime Achievement Award. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

**ADOPTED** and **APPROVED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017