

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to recognize and honor Mr. Wayne Bonner for his vision, dedication, and stewardship to foster a thriving and vibrant community through his leadership of the Board of Directors of the Von Braun Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bonner was first appointed by City Council to the VBC Board in 1990, devoting his first few years on the administration committee, and his passion and ingenuity resulted in being elected as Chairman of the Board, building a diverse and talented board as stewards of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued growth and success of the Von Braun Center would not have been possible without the direction and leadership of Mr. Bonner as the Board authorized updates to the Arena such as the expanded concourse, a new large main entrance, additional concessions and restrooms, an outdoor marquee, renovating and expanding the back of house dressing rooms, and even a new LED lighting system; and the Von Braun Center's Concert Hall was also updated under his stewardship, including new seats, sound system, a center hall lounge, new HVAC, electrical updates; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bonner's vision energized the Board, and plans were carefully structured to ensure that the VBC offers something for everyone, inspiring the creation of the Mars Music Hall featuring up-and-coming bands in a venue designed to appeal to audiences who prefer to be close to the stage, most standing, and to add to the convivial experience a restaurant, Rhythm on Monroe, aptly named by Mr. Bonner, was also established to be either an amenity or a destination; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bonner and the Board have set up the budget and plans for the next phase which includes constructing a new ballroom, a multi-use 35,000 square foot facility, additional meeting rooms, more parking, and a brand-new kitchen area; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bonner's consistent leadership has been an anchor throughout the decades of service, and his wife, Mrs. "Charlie" Bonner gave unwavering support of her husband's dedication to the community,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama honor and thank Mr. Wayne Bonner for his outstanding commitment to the VBC board and dedication to generating economic growth and improving the quality of life for the City of Huntsville.

**ADOPTED** this the 13th day of October, 2022.

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

**APPROVED** this the 13th day of October, 2022.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville,  
Alabama