



Huntsville, Alabama

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Department: City Council

Subject:

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Resolution honoring the exceptional life and impact of Hodie McCraw, a life-long citizen of Huntsville who celebrated her 103rd birthday on the sixth of March, 2025, and has dedicated many years to educating the city's youth.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: N/A

City Cost Amount: N/A

Total Cost: N/A

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address:

District: District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

Additional Comments: N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 25 -

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to celebrate and honor the exceptional life and impact of Hodie McCraw, a life-long citizen of Huntsville who celebrated her 103rd birthday on the sixth of March, 2025, and has dedicated many years to educating the city's youth; and

WHEREAS, McCraw grew up on her grandfather's farm, land that is now part of the Redstone Arsenal, after enduring the passing of her mother at just three years of age. Through the experience of seeing her grandfather's land bought to build and expand Redstone Arsenal, she has seen Huntsville's history unfold before her very eyes; and

WHEREAS, McCraw attended William Hooper Councill School, the first public school in Huntsville for African Americans, named after the founder of Alabama A&M University where she received her degree in Teacher Training; and

WHEREAS, McCraw is now a retired teacher who dedicated thirty-two years of her life to teaching first-graders in the Madison County school system where she experienced first-hand the integration of schools in the county; and

WHEREAS, McCraw not only served her community, but she is also a dedicated wife to her late husband, Homer H. McCraw, Sr., whom she was married to for 75 years, and mother to three children, Homer McCraw, Jr., Denise McCraw, and Dana McCraw Johnson; and

WHEREAS, McCraw strives to live life as a Christian and follows the golden rule of treating everyone with kindness, and, in doing so, she has been a lifetime member of Lakeside United Methodist Church where she has learned that prayer and loving your neighbor as yourself is the secret to leading a long life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, proudly honor Hodie McCraw and her 103 years of citizenship in Huntsville, dedication to serving the community by means of educating its youth over the span of thirty-two years, and leading a life of treating others with kindness, respect, and dignity. These significant factors have contributed to the betterment of the City of Huntsville, and for that, Hodie McCraw shall be commended on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama