

RESOLUTION NO. 24-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to recognize and honor Mrs. Joy Parker for all of her achievements and contributions to the City of Huntsville, with special recognition for her work on the City of Huntsville's Beautification Board; and

WHEREAS, Joy is a Boston native and admits she was reluctant to relocate to Alabama, when she and her late husband U.S. Army Col. Brandon Parker were stationed at Redstone Arsenal decades ago. However, from the moment they arrived and stepped out of their car she knew it was home. She embraced the City as if it her hometown; and

WHEREAS, her steadfast drive quickly caught the attention of former Mayor Loretta Spencer, who personally called and asked if she could put her to work. Joy happily agreed, volunteering in several capacities throughout the community. After her husband passed away, she threw herself into volunteer work, serving on numerous boards and committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker's desire to beautify her adopted hometown is evident in her service. She has been an active member of the Redstone Arsenal Garden Club since 1998 and served on the Beautification Board for more than two decades. She firmly believes in keeping Huntsville clean and green. Joy has encouraged local businesses and inspired countless citizens to beautify their properties in order to set an example for the surrounding area. Her vision has helped establish and maintain the City's manicured and attractive landscape despite the continued growth that often challenges other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker is now synonymous with the Beautification Board, she has also been relentless in her efforts to honor veterans. She is responsible for bringing Wreaths Across America to the Huntsville cemeteries in 2007 and has faithfully served as the president of the local chapter ever since; and

WHEREAS, Joy proudly volunteered at the PGA Sony Open in Hawaii for 27 years. In her initial trip she recognized the many indigent children that were overlooked and struggling in Hawaii. She was indignant at the thought. With her passion for education and her love of children she then established that the funds from her as well as that of the dozens of local volunteers she galvanized were utilized to support education in Hawaii for underserved communities, something that remained in place throughout her years of serving at the PGA; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parker fortunately received a name fitting at birth. She is and always has been a joy to those who know her. Her quiet strength is fueled by faith and her deep love for God and her family. Joy is a cherished citizen and a beloved friend to all she meets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama acknowledge and sincerely thank Mrs. Joy Parker for her ongoing service and her unyielding dedication to making the City of Huntsville a better place to live.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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

APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama