



Huntsville, Alabama

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Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution honoring Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford for her service to the community, demonstrated by a dedication to furthering musical education by teaching college students and utilizing her talents to unite members of the community.

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 wish to honor Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford in recognition of her service to the community, demonstrated by a dedication to furthering musical education by teaching college students and utilizing her talents to unite members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bradford was born in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, on the nineteenth of May, 1922, and raised in Gray, Indiana, where she attended the historic Roosevelt High School. She later obtained the Normal Certificate and a Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College and Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio, and also studied at Chicago Musical College and Oakland University in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bradford's professional teaching career began in the Edwardsville, Illinois, school system and at Leland College in Baker, Louisiana, and she eventually moved to Huntsville in the 1940s and taught music at the laboratory high school of Alabama A&M Institute and later at Alabama A&M University where she worked as an Associate Professor and the Director of the University Choir for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bradford not only pursued her passion for music through teaching but also through serving at Huntsville's historic Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church as a pianist and the Music Ministry Director for over 40 years. In these roles, Mrs. Bradford initiated and directed talent showcases, choral groups, and a variety of musical productions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her active service roles in the City of Huntsville, Mrs. Bradford has diligently led and held memberships in several renown organizations, including The Society of Professional Women, where she is a Founding Member, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Huntsville, Alabama, where she is a Charter Member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bradford has been honored and awarded on numerous occasions for her distinguished service and leadership, including the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, Honoring Our Elders Celebration, Rosetta James Foundation; 2008 Alabama A&M University Award of Merit, Alabama A&M Alumni Association, Incorporated; 2024 Professor Emeritus, Alabama A&M University; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's 2016 Ivy Foundation Making a Difference Award; 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award, Celebrating Education Program, Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Incorporated; and 1989 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Award, Delta Theta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bradford has also received several citations, resolutions, and proclamations recognizing her service from the former Mayor of Tuskegee, Alabama, Mayor Johnny Ford; former Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, Mayor Richard Arrington; City Council, City of Huntsville; and the Board of County Commissioners, Madison County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving and leading the City of Huntsville in various ways, Mrs. Bradford was married to the late Reverend Dr. Henry Bradford, Jr., and they are the parents of Dr. Andréa Bradford and Dr. Henry Lane Bradford and grandparents of Dr. Henry Lane Bradford, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville wish to commend Mrs. Nell Lane Bradford for her leadership and service in the City of Huntsville, marked by furthering the pursuit of knowledge by educating college students, unifying a body of citizens by utilizing her talents, and receiving countless awards, honors, and distinctions from various prominent organizations and municipalities.

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