

## **RESOLUTION 23 -**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize and acknowledge Mr. Devlin Sullivan for his powerfully influential leadership, service, and the unmatched coaching skills he provided to Alabama A&M University's many varsity programs over a 30-year time period; and

**WHEREAS**, Huntsville native, Delvin and his little sister were raised by a strong and Godly woman who taught them that their circumstances did not define their character or their future. He grew up in public housing at the Sparkman Homes, moving out only when he went to college at 18 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, he credits the influence of his mother and grandparents for inspiring him to greatness but recognizes that it truly takes a village and fondly speaks of the amazing volunteers from the Sparkman Homes Boys & Girls Club as well as the various coaches that schooled him on sports and more importantly instilled invaluable life lessons. Delvin spent many evenings after school at the Boys and Girls Club as a kid, but as he grew, he discovered a love for sports and decided to become involved in athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, Delvin played football, basketball, and ran track from middle school all the way through 12th grade at Butler High. As a football player, he was a wide receiver and graduated All State. As a track star, he ran the 200 and 400 meter, the 4x4 relay, did the high jump and triple jump, and competed in decathlons. As a basketball player, he played the position of small forward. In 1991, he was named the first Alabama State Youth of the Year. He went on to successfully play football for both UNA and Alabama A&M; and

**WHEREAS**, as a mentor he encourages young people to recognize that sports is not about winning or losing but rather always an opportunity to learn how to process both victory and defeat, lessons he says helped create a framework for his entire life. He became inducted into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame and the Boys & Girls Club of North Alabama for his accomplishments as a basketball, football and track star while attending Butler High School and then at the University of North Alabama and Alabama A&M University; and

**WHEREAS**, Delvin earned a BS in Business Management from Alabama A&M University, M.S from Murray State University, and is a proud Army Vet having served two tours in Iraq and being awarded a combat badge in 2003. After serving the Country for 8 years he returned home and began working for the Army Contracting Command-Redstone as a Contract specialist, a position he still holds. He also is the successful owner of Clean Solutions, a commercial and residential cleaning agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Sullivan's success spurred him to give back to the community. He served as a Huntsville Housing Authority Commissioner for 10 years working for multiple years as the chair and vice chair of the board, understanding more than most the importance of safe and affordable housing. Although he is modest about his volunteer work, he is ever faithful in his service, always cognizant of the power that positive influences had on him as a child. Several years ago, he began serving at Sparkman Homes Boys & Girls Club and continues to mentor

young men within the community. He offers his own account as testimony to what can be accomplished with hard work and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, drawing on his own childhood experiences and his volunteer work he became increasingly aware that financial literacy is an overlooked competency, yet it is something that can help create a bright future for the youth in our community. This led him to publish “the Wealthy Child” which is aimed at introducing children to money management with the hope of offering both financial security and independence as an adult; and

**WHEREAS**, Delvin has been happily married to his partner and best friend Felicia, with whom he raised two successful children. In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their adult children and two grandchildren; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, honor the extraordinary accomplishments of Mr. Delvin Sullivan and recognize his ongoing commitment to making Huntsville a better community for all.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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

**APPROVED** this the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama