

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are saddened by the passing of a superlative educator, dutiful community supporter and a stupendous citizen of Huntsville, Mr. Wilbert Louis Brown. Mr. Wilbert L. Brown, passed on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Huntsville, Alabama after a brief illness. Administrator, teacher, orator and humanitarian, are just a few words that describe the consummate professional of par excellence, which was the essence of Mr. Wilbert L. Brown; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wilbert L. Brown was born on June 10, 1949, in Mt. Clemons, Michigan. Wilbert was reared in Tallassee, Alabama. He completed his primary and secondary public education in Tallassee, where he graduated from the Robert Russa Moton High School as the senior class Salutatorian. At Moton High School, Wilbert served as president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes, as well as the SGA President during his senior year. Following his graduation from Moton, Wilbert earned an academic scholarship to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University where he majored in Secondary Education with a concentration in English and minored in Sociology. He graduated from AAMU in 1972 with his Bachelor of Science degree. In 1986 he received the Master of Science degree in Supervision and Administration from AAMU; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Brown began his professional teaching career in education as an English teacher with Huntsville City Schools at J.O. Johnson High School. Within two years, he was named the Director of Student Activities at Johnson High School. In 1991 his ascent to administration began as he became the assistant principal at the Academy for Academics and Arts, the first magnet school in the Huntsville City Schools system. During his nearly forty-year career as an educator and administrator, he served as principal at West Mastin Lake Elementary School, Davis Hills Middle School and at the Academy for Academics and Arts, a post he held for 14 years. Additionally, he served as an adjunct professor at his alma mater, Alabama A&M University; and,

**WHEREAS**, the name Wilbert L. Brown is most synonymous with his professional career as an educator and administrator, it is equally known for his community service and philanthropic outreach. For nearly two decades, Wilbert led Huntsville's Delta Theta Lambda Education Foundation, as Board Chairman. The foundation hosts the largest Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Breakfast Celebration in the southeastern United States. The foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Delta Theta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated – an organization to which Mr. Brown was initiated in 1974. Since his initiation into the oldest collegiate fraternity for African American men, he has served at all levels of leadership within the organization. Locally, under his leadership, the foundation has awarded nearly \$300,000 in scholarships to graduating High School seniors. He also organized and designed the curriculum for the ALPHAS Mentoring Program. For his many years of tireless service to the fraternity, he was inducted into the Alabama District of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 2018 Hall of Fame Class; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Brown believed in helping his fellow man and encouraging students to always set high goals and to work smarter to achieve them. He gave unselfishly of his time,

talent and resources to any person or organization which sought his wise counsel. As a result, he served on many civic and community organization boards. Formerly, he served with Community Action Partnership, Girls Incorporated and March for Dimes/March for Babies. For his many decades of active community service, Mr. Brown was recognized by the Huntsville Progressive Chapter Alumni Chapter of Alabama A&M University, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Tennessee Valley and the Ivy Center Foundation of Huntsville/Madison County; and,

**WHEREAS**, he was a long-time and faithful member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church under the pastoral leadership of Dr. O. Wendell Davis. At Union Chapel, he worked untiringly, until his health began to fail, in several of the church's ministries such as Church Announcer, Trustee, Chairman of the Fellowship Ministry, Education Assistance Ministry, Human Resources Committee, Board of Directors for both the Union Chapel Christian Academy and Foundation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wilbert Louis Brown will be lovingly missed by his family, personal friends, church members at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Members of Sigma Pi Phi Boule, fellow colleagues in education, former students and parents, neighbors, and so many in the greater Huntsville/Madison County community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby extend expressed condolences to the family of the late Wilbert Louis Brown, a true servant for all mankind, revered and loved by all.

**ADOPTED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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

**APPROVED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama