



Huntsville, Alabama

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Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution recognizing West Huntsville Baptist Church for their extraordinary commitment to our Community for the past 125 years.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

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City Cost Amount: N/A

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Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

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

Additional Comments:

N/A

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WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to recognize West Huntsville Baptist Church for their extraordinary commitment to our community for the past 125 years; and

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1899, West Huntsville Baptist church was first officially chartered. J.A. Eaves was elected as the first pastor and B.L. Tipps was elected as the sexton; and

WHEREAS, in a building on 7th Avenue, the people of West Huntsville gathered for the first time, but it wasn't long before they outgrew the original location. Thus, the property at the corner of 8th Avenue and Triana Boulevard was purchased and a larger building was constructed out of wood, which unfortunately burned down leaving the church goers bereft. Although the West Huntsville parishioners were indeed discouraged, they persevered and completed construction of a new stone structure only four months later; and

WHEREAS, it was with this same dedication that the church family established their current worship center, in 1961. The current structure boasts stunning architectural elements such as the central arch and arched stained-glass windows, portraying Renaissance Revival influences which was a unique style in Huntsville at the time of construction. There they have added educational building to further their impact within the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years many preachers have had the opportunity to lead the church. in 1988, Pastor Scott Gossett became the Pastor. He took the role with a humble but determined spirit and has been serving ever since. Pastor Gossett felt compelled to ensure that West Huntsville was a worshipping and a giving church. With pragmatic leadership he understood that true wisdom begins with the Lord and therefore heeded Biblical guidance encouraging the church to become debt free. Although the church still had an outstanding debt of \$125,000, they successfully paid this debt off in just a few months. The entire church acknowledges that God blessed them in this effort and continues to do so now; and

WHEREAS, the structures that have housed the West Huntsville Baptist congregation have merely been vessels for the outpouring of God's Love which has overflowed throughout the entire community. Being strategically placed in close proximity to Redstone Arsenal, the church family has worked for decades to capitalize on the opportunity to minister to people from literally all over the World. Pastors and parishioners alike have created evangelists within the community, members that later return to their Home States and Countries as missionaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, honor West Huntsville Baptist for their ongoing commitment to making a difference within our community and their dedication to having a global impact.

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