

RESOLUTION No. 25-

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to honor Edward Buckbee in recognition of his exemplary leadership in space exploration and museum education in the City of Huntsville and offer tribute to his 89th birthday, which was celebrated on September 15th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, born on September 15th, 1936, Edward Buckbee, an author, lecturer, space expert, and director emeritus, has been a pillar of the U.S. space program since 1959, when he began his NASA career, coinciding with the selection of America's first Mercury astronauts; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, he began working for the newly formed Marshall Space Flight Center as a NASA Public Affairs Officer, where he worked with astronauts from the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space programs; and

WHEREAS, as a significant leader in museum education in Huntsville, in 1970, Edward Buckbee was elected by Wernher von Braun to be the first director of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, the world's largest space museum; and

WHEREAS, before retiring in 1994, Edward Buckbee, in pursuit of bringing Wernher von Braun's vision to life, founded the enormously successful U.S. Space Camp in 1982 and Aviation Challenge in 1990, which contributed to an induction into the Space Camp Hall of Fame in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Edward Buckbee continues to impact the community by organizing and hosting numerous space anniversary events that honor astronauts, including John Glenn, Alan Shepherd, Alan Bean, and Gene Cernan, as well as significant space programs, such as the 30th anniversary celebration of America's first space station, Skylab.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby formally recognize Edward Buckbee for his extraordinary contributions to space exploration and museum education. His achievements have made a lasting impact on the City of Huntsville, ensuring his legacy will long be remembered and admired.

ADOPTED and PRESENTED on this the **23rd** day of **October, 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