

The City of Huntsville Alabama

RESOLUTION NO. 22-610

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to recognize and honor the Gentry Isom VFW Post 2702 for their unwavering service to North Alabama and their work within the Huntsville community, for they are consequential in servicing our local veterans; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has remained generous in their donations and work throughout North Alabama, such as donating funds to local JROTC for renovation of the Madison County ballpark, co-sponsoring a food drive, Uniting to Combat Hunger, in support of the North Alabama Food Bank, and sponsoring a Korean War Veteran trip to DC to visit memorials; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has remained diligent in revitalizing the Huntsville area by assisting in the Ditto Landing clean up and placing and recovering over 1000 flags at Maple Hill cemetery for Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has hosted groups and events for veterans, such as a monthly game night at Tut Fann Veterans home, a local Narcotics Anonymous group that meets 3 times a week, and monthly public events for the "Year of the Woman Veteran" initiative; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has been recognized for their drive and compassion by being awarded the Mary Downs "Scout of the Year" honors, on behalf of the Department of Alabama VFW, and "Cadet of the Year" award, after speaking at Madison County JROTC; and

WHEREAS, the VFW strives to continue cultivating opportunities for veterans and ensuring they live in a community that accommodates them by continuing game nights at state Veterans' home, taking a crew of veterans and their caretakers to Trash Pandas ball games, pursing grants to renovate facilities and upgrade lighting, and increase veteran support function with a full time Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, the VFW also aims to continue meeting their monthly 100 hours community service goal, increase membership and community presence, increase community support through team sponsorships and sponsoring community activities, and host a "New Citizen" swearing in ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the VFW also plans to continue interacting with local JROTC units to deliver their "Veterans in the Classroom" series and impart historical individual stories of America's veterans, develop a plan to address veteran homelessness in Madison County, and continue to partner with other veteran organizations in addressing veteran specific issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama honor the Gentry Isom VFW Post 2702 for being a compassionate and welcoming asset for the veterans of North Alabama and the City of Huntsville cherishes all they have done to better our community and looks forward to their future endeavors and what it means for the City's local veterans.

Presented this the 25th day of August, 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBER

PRESIDENT, CITY COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT, PRO TEM

COUNCIL MEMBER