

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 4413

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM ATHLETICS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the University of Alabama at Birmingham benefits the City of Birmingham and all surrounding communities, including the City of Pell City; and

WHEREAS, several citizens of the City of Pell City and former students of the Pell City School System currently attend, have attended, or plan to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and,

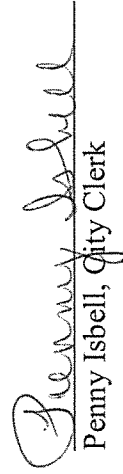
WHEREAS, young men from the City of Pell City have played significant roles as members of the UAB football team, including one player who achieved greatness on the field while earning Division IA Academic All-American status, another player who led Conference USA and the nation in interceptions, and yet another recent Pell City player who was poised to become a major contributor but who was forced to transfer out of the State of Alabama as a result of the recent decision to dissolve the UAB football program; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the City of Pell City believe that athletic programs, the marching band, and spirit and cheering squads provide opportunities for students to develop character traits and values and a sense of community that is important to the college environment and experience and important to the development of the future leaders of our state and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pell City, Alabama, that the City of Pell City urges the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees and the University of Alabama at Birmingham President to re-establish the Football, Bowling, and Rifle Programs at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of said programs.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.

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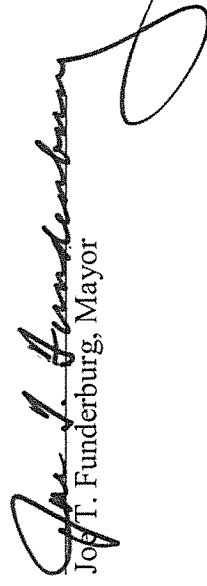
  
Penny Isbell, City Clerk

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James McGowan, Council President

  
Joe T. Funderburg, Mayor