RESOLUTION NO. <u>18-18</u>

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MAYOR ASHTON J. HAYWARD, III, FOR HIS EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE VT MOBILE AREOSPACE ENGINEERING, INC. PROJECT TO THE PENSACOLA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the VT MAE project at the Pensacola International Airport began in 2013 with a nonbinding Memorandum of Understanding between ST Aerospace and the City; and

WHEREAS, the VT MAE project began as a 160,000 sq. ft. facility, it has grown to become a 173,000 sq. ft. facility to accommodate larger planes; and

WHEREAS, the VT MAE project is projected to create 400 new jobs with a proposed average annual salary of \$41,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, substantial completion of the VT MAE Hangar 1 was completed in April of 2018, on time and within budget; and

WHEREAS, VT MAE has future hopes to create three (3) additional MRO hangars, one administrative office building along with shops and a warehouse, totaling an additional 775,000 sq. ft. footprint; and

WHEREAS, if the VT MAE Aviation Campus is completed as hoped, it will directly create more than 1,300 new jobs while indirectly creating an anticipated 3,400 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ashton J. Hayward, III, along with his staff, worked tirelessly with local, county and state officials to bring this project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Mayor Ashton J. Hayward, III, in initiating the VT MAE project and seeing it through to completion of phase 1 will have a long lasting and positive effect on the City of Pensacola;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola does hereby recognize and honor Mayor Ashton J. Hayward, III, for his vision, foresight and efforts in bringing the VT MAE project to fruition.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Ashton J. Hayward, III, with the admiration, respect, and sincere appreciation of the City Council Members.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____ President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk