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8 RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED COMPANY, PARAGON, FOR  
9 RECEIVING ALBERTVILLE'S INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize  
12 the distinguished company, Paragon, on the outstanding  
13 achievement of receiving Albertville's Industry of the Year  
14 Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Paragon is an award winning wholesale  
16 supplier of wall decor to the home furnishing and contract  
17 design trade; notably, the leading company is among the  
18 largest wall decor manufactures in the country, with corporate  
19 showrooms in Atlanta, High Point, and Las Vegas and a sales  
20 rep network that extends from coast to coast; and

21 WHEREAS, Paragon has won a number of prestigious  
22 ARTS awards and has the distinction of being the first wall  
23 decor inductee into the ARTS Hall of Fame; and

24 WHEREAS, highlights of Paragon's history include the  
25 inception of a idea to make inexpensively priced homes  
26 beautiful by an exemplary couple, Wendell and Bonnie Glassco,  
27 in 1970; the purchases of Carousel Decors and Paragon;

1 Paragon's venture in manufacturing framed prints in 1979;  
2 launch of the Paragon Picture Gallery, dedicated to the  
3 production of framed art, in 1981; the second generation's  
4 entry into the family business; the company's decision to  
5 focus solely on wall decor; the company's venture into  
6 manufacturing higher-end wall decor in 1990; the opening of  
7 new corporate showrooms in Las Vegas and High Point and a move  
8 into a new 150,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing  
9 facility; Paragon's collaboration with some of the best  
10 designers in the industry including Candice Olson, Mark  
11 Abrams, Vikki Wiegel, Bobby Sikes, and Tim Burney; and  
12 Paragon's acquisition of high end wall decor, lighting and  
13 accessory specialist, Kinder-Harris, to bring an added  
14 dimension of exclusive hand painted art to the line and to  
15 provide lamps and accessories to the market; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the second generation of the  
17 Glassco's who serve the family business include Lendell  
18 Classco, President; Malanta Glassco-Knowles, Vice President of  
19 Marketing and Design; and Vince Glassco, Propac President;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Paragon reflects the finest aspects of the  
22 American Dream, upholds the highest standards in  
23 professionalism and quality, and espouses the meritorious  
24 characteristics of a business that genuinely cares about  
25 people; the outstanding achievement of this exceptional  
26 company reflects immense honor upon the community and the  
27 entire State of Alabama; now therefore,

1                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
2           THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Paragon is hereby recognized  
3           and its owners and employees are honored and commended, and  
4           this resolution is offered in deepest admiration and  
5           appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued  
6           success in all future endeavors.