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HR_____ CONGRATULATING PAMELA NICHOLS FOR WINNING THE SPEAK FOR THYSELF AWARD.

WHEREAS, highest congratulations and commendations are herein proudly presented to Pamela Nichols for winning the 2023 Alden Kindred of America Speak for Thyself Award; and

WHEREAS, Alden Kindred of America, Incorporated, is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Alden House Historic Site in Duxbury, Massachusetts; each year, Alden Kindred of America celebrate the lives of outstanding women at the Speak for Thyself Awards Dinner and fundraising event; the award honors the spirit of Mayflower passenger, Priscilla Mullens Alden, who is memorialized in the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," for making her own choice of husband; the exceptional women who win the award are honored for making their own choices, thereby creating better lives for themselves and their communities; and

WHEREAS, this year, Alabama native, Pamela Nichols, will receive the award, having been nominated by her brother, Jim Byram; Pamela has a long list of accomplishments that support her nomination; and

WHEREAS, Pamela holds a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from The University of Alabama and a Master of Business



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29 Administration from The University of Alabama at Birmingham
30 (UAB); she retired from the health care industry after 30
31 years of service; during that time she developed numerous
32 health services programs, including WorkWise, an
33 occupational health program; Eldercare, Alabama's first
34 senior health serves membership program of its kind; and
35 Health Advantage, a health management maintenance
36 organization that included Alabama's first HMO Medicare
37 supplement; she won many awards for her efforts, including
38 Awards of Excellence and the President's Award from the
39 Alabama Hospital Association Society for Marketing and
40 Public Relations and the Distinguished Service Award from
41 the Alabama Association of HMOs; and

42 WHEREAS, in 2007, Pamela co-founded and directed
43 Honor Flight Birmingham (HFB), a nonprofit program whose
44 mission was to honor veterans of World War II; HFB has flown
45 nearly 1,000 veterans to see the World War II Memorial in
46 Washington, D.C., and be honored for their service; HFB
47 received a 2009 Freedom Foundation's George Washington Medal
48 of Honor and a UAB Center for Aging New Horizons Award; the
49 program achieved its mission and after serving all World War
50 II veterans on the wait list for an Honor Flight, the
51 program was retired; Pamela continued to support veterans
52 and earn recognition; in 2012, she was honored by National
53 Veterans Day in Birmingham with the Soaring Eagle Award for
54 her support of veterans and the award was co-named in her
55 honor for future recipients as the Nichols/McDonald Soaring
56 Eagle Award; and



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57 WHEREAS, Pamela has been a member of the Support
58 Committee for the Alabama National Cemetery (SCALNC) since
59 2012 and has served as its Chair since 2018; as the leader
60 of this nonprofit, all volunteer organization, she raised
61 funds for the six hundred thousand dollar Scenic Overlook
62 Memorial Project at the Alabama National Cemetery; another
63 role she fills as Chair of SCALNC is to serve as the
64 location coordinator of the national Wreaths Across America
65 program which placed nearly 10,000 wreaths on the headstones
66 of the interred at the Alabama National Cemetery; and

67 WHEREAS, Pamela's tireless work is never done; she
68 continues to work for veterans and Alabama senior citizens;
69 in 2022, she received a Gold 500+ Hours Presidential
70 Volunteer Service Award from Shelby County, Alabama, Retired
71 and Senior Volunteer Program; she is married to John Nichols
72 and they have two adult children and three grandchildren;
73 now therefore,

74 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
75 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Pamela Nichols is highly
76 commended with hearty congratulations for winning the Speak
77 for Thyself Award, and we hereby offer this resolution to
78 her with our utmost admiration for the many hours of service
79 to veteran and senior residents of our great state along
80 with sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
81 endeavors.

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