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HR_____ COMMENDING GRAHAM L. CHAMPION ON WINNING THE 2023
OUTSTANDING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD.

WHEREAS, with special pleasure and great pride, we
honor and commend Graham L. Champion on winning the 2023
Outstanding Eagle Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, this award is presented by the National
Eagle Scout Association (NESA) after recommendation by the
local NESA committee to recognize the accomplishments of
Eagle Scouts who have, in their local communities, areas,
and regions, practiced the ideals of Eagle Scouts; Duty to
God, Duty to Country, and Duty to Fellow Man; and to honor
those who have made memorable and lasting impacts on the
lives of youths in scouting and the lives of community
members; and

WHEREAS, Graham L. Champion grew up in Montgomery;
active in scouting since his youth, he earned the rank of
Eagle Scout on August 1, 1966, as a member of Troop 2; he
served on staff at Camp Tukabatchee and was active in
Alibamu Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, where he served as
a lodge officer; he received the Vigil Honor in 1969; and

WHEREAS, as an adult, Graham served as an Associate
Lodge Adviser and as the Lodge Adviser in 1989 for Alibamu
Lodge; he has served in various positions on both the
District and Council level and is a longtime member of the



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29 Council Executive Board; he has served as the President to
30 the Tukabatchee Area Council since 2022; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Champion is a graduate of Auburn
32 University at Montgomery; he is the Principal of Public
33 Strategies, LLC, a government affairs firm, and as a
34 registered lobbyist, he represents numerous clients before
35 the State of Alabama; prior to this he served as the Senior
36 Vice President and Manager of Government Affairs for AmSouth
37 Bank, a top 20 Bank Holding Company; he has served in
38 leadership positions with the American Bankers Association,
39 Financial Services Roundtable, Fannie Mae National Advisory
40 Council, and the Business Council of Alabama; and

41 WHEREAS, Mr. Champion is an active member of the
42 Montgomery Rotary club and served as its President from
43 2019-2020 and he has served as an Assistant District
44 Governor and District Membership Chair; a Paul Harris Fellow
45 in Rotary, Graham was a major catalyst in ensuring that
46 Tuskegee University was honored by the Rotary Foundation for
47 their work in the development of the polio vaccine; through
48 these efforts, he worked tirelessly to help raise the funds
49 to erect a monument at Tuskegee University to commemorate
50 their involvement in the development of this vaccine which
51 changed the world; now therefore,

52 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
53 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we extend our sincere
54 congratulations to Graham L. Champion and express our deep
55 appreciation of his lasting impact on the lives of youths



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56 through scouting and his outstanding service to the local
57 community and the State of Alabama.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
59 resolution be provided to Graham L. Champion as an
60 expression of our admiration for his accomplishments and our
61 best wishes for continued success in all his future
62 endeavors.