

## HJR127 ENROLLED



1 HJR127  
2 AR2GM77-2  
3 By Representative Warren  
4 RFD: RULES  
5 First Read: 06-Mar-25



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1    Enrolled, An Act,

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3    MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GRAHAM LAMAR  
4    CHAMPION.  
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6            WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep regret  
7    that we record the passing of Graham Lamar Champion of Pike  
8    Road, Alabama, on February 7, 2025, at the age of 72; and  
9    WHEREAS, Graham Champion was the owner of Public Strategies,  
10    LLC, a lobbying firm where he represented clients across the  
11    nation; and

12           WHEREAS, he was held in high respect by past and  
13    present members of the Alabama Legislature for his  
14    friendliness, honesty, knowledge, and willingness to listen  
15    to all sides of issues with which he was involved, and  
16    whenever possible, he was willing to compromise to reach an  
17    agreement; and

18           WHEREAS, Graham Champion's service to his clients and  
19    to members of the Alabama Legislature is well known and  
20    respected: his dedication and commitment to civic service is  
21    equally well known and held in equally high respect; and

22           WHEREAS, Graham Champion was a devoted member of the  
23    Montgomery Rotary Club where he served as president;  
24    additionally, he served the Rotary Club as assistant  
25    district governor and district membership chair; and

26           WHEREAS, he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow  
27    for his commitment and hard work to ensure that Tuskegee  
28    University was honored by the Rotary Foundation for work in



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developing the polio vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Graham Champion earned the rank of Eagle Scout in August 1966; he maintained a lifelong devotion to scouting, serving as president of the Tukabatchee Area Council since 2022 and standing as a longtime member of the Council Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized as the 2023 Outstanding Eagle Scout by the National Eagle Scout Association for his service to scouting; and

WHEREAS, above all else, the most important thing in Graham Champion's life was his family; he is survived by his beloved wife, Linda; sons, Matthew Champion (Katie) and Lee Walden; grandchildren, Landon Champion, Madison Champion, and Nate Walden; and sister, Celie Edwards; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his family, Graham Champion leaves behind scores of people from all walks of life who called him not just a friend, but a very good friend; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That while we mourn the death of Graham Champion, we celebrate his life and recognize his contributions to the good people of the Great State of Alabama, and we offer this resolution along with heartfelt sympathy to his family, whose grief is shared by many.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was passed by the House 06-Mar-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**01-Apr-25**

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Adopted