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HJR___ MOURNING THE DEATH AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GRAHAM LAMAR CHAMPION.

WHEREAS, it is with profound sorrow and deep regret that we record the passing of Graham Lamar Champion of Pike Road, Alabama, on February 7, 2025, at the age of 72; and WHEREAS, Graham Champion was the owner of Public Strategies, LLC, a lobbying firm where he represented clients across the nation; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow for his commitment and hard work to ensure that Tuskegee



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29 University was honored by the Rotary Foundation for work in
30 developing the polio vaccine; and

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

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

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

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

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