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HR\_\_\_\_\_ HONORING ROY BROOK FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE  
2023 HOOVER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HOOVER VETERANS  
COMMITTEE FREEDOM AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce and  
Hoover Veterans Committee annually honors and recognizes a  
community role model who supports their local, state, or  
federal government, promotes the ideals of freedom, and  
supports the United States military; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Roy Brook was named as one of those  
incredible individuals whose dedication to the ideals of  
freedom has greatly affected the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Roy Brook, a Bessemer resident who is often  
referred to in the Birmingham-Hoover area as the "flag man,"  
attends events such as funerals for military members and  
first responders, benefit runs, celebrations, motorcycle  
rides, and political events in the Birmingham area and  
beyond, proudly but humbly standing with an American flag on  
a pole in what is now called The American Flag Project; and

WHEREAS, he also stands at busy intersections in and  
around the Birmingham-Hoover metro area, displaying the  
American flag for all to see; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot, Roy Brook maintains  
two American flags on both sides of the Jonathan Michael  
(Mike) Gilotti Memorial Bridge on Alabama 150 near the



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29 entrance to the Lake Cyrus subdivision where the U.S. Army  
30 Veteran was killed outside of his home in 2016; he replaces  
31 the flags as they get worn and tattered by the weather, and  
32 he mounted spotlights to shine a light on them at night, per  
33 proper flag protocol; and

34 WHEREAS, Roy Brook's American Flag Project began  
35 following his retirement from more than two decades of  
36 driving trucks; in 2016, after being at home on Memorial Day  
37 and watching people on television disrespecting the flag, he  
38 and his wife donned their best patriotic clothes, drove to  
39 the intersection of Highway 280 and Highway 459, and walked  
40 up and down the median with an American flag on a pool  
41 skimming pole; and

42 WHEREAS, for almost a decade, Roy Brook has dedicated  
43 his time and efforts honoring those who have served and are  
44 currently serving this country, supporting those in need of  
45 comfort, and displaying his unfailing love of this great  
46 nation by carrying the American flag; through his actions,  
47 he gently reminds fellow Americans that the flag represents  
48 the strength we all carry that can bring us together as a  
49 nation and unite us in times of diversity; now therefore,

50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a privilege and pleasure  
52 to recognize and honor Roy Brook for the service and  
53 contributions he has made to the Birmingham-Hoover  
54 communities and all of Alabama through The American Flag  
55 Project; he is truly deserving of the Hoover Area Chamber of



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56 Commerce and Hoover Veterans Committee Freedom Award, and  
57 highest commendations are hereby accorded to him.