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HR\_\_\_\_\_ COMMENDING CATHY STENDER ON BEING A TOP FIVE FINALIST FOR THE 2025 TIME DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and well wishes are hereby extended to Cathy Stender on being a top five finalist for the 2025 TIME Dealer of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stender, the owner of Woody Anderson Ford in Huntsville, Alabama, was recognized at the NADA Show in New Orleans for her exceptional leadership among auto dealers and her community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the TIME Dealer of the Year Award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors, which recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stender has received numerous awards from Ford for sales, customer satisfaction, and overall dealership excellence over the years; for her trailblazing achievements, she was inducted into the Ford Dealer Hall of Fame in 2022, the first woman to ever earn that honor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cathy wanted to carry an empathetic approach into the dealership; she prioritized community engagement by partnering with local organizations and took her commitment to the community far beyond any auto sale; and



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29           WHEREAS, part of Mrs. Stender's extensive community  
30 outreach includes her support of HATCH, a local nonprofit  
31 that empowers at-risk young people to live self-sufficient  
32 lives through culinary and hospitality training, as well as  
33 life skills workshops; she has donated the use of her  
34 dealership's restaurant, closed during the pandemic, as a  
35 space for the organization to operate; and

36           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cathy is also proud of her partnership  
37 with the WEDC Foundation, a group that helps local women  
38 pursue higher education through mentoring, financial  
39 assistance, and professional development; and

40           WHEREAS, other initiatives that Mrs. Stender has  
41 supported include Huntsville Madison County Veterans  
42 Memorial, where she chaired the capital campaign; Calhoun  
43 Community College, Drake State Community and Technical  
44 College, Madison County Schools, and Huntsville City  
45 Schools, where she has invested time and resources to  
46 support career tech programs; and Free to Teach, where the  
47 Transits she donated have transported more than \$3 million  
48 of school supplies to support high-quality education in her  
49 community; now therefore,

50           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
51 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That highest honors and  
52 commendations be given to Cathy Stender for her  
53 distinguished service in her community and being selected as  
54 a top five finalist for the 2025 TIME Dealer of the Year  
55 Award, and we offer this resolution as a token of our



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56 gratitude and as evidence of our sincere appreciation and  
57 high regard with best wishes in all future endeavors.