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HR_____ CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMPBELL HARDWARE
AND SPORTING GOODS.

WHEREAS, we proudly congratulate the owners and employees of Campbell Hardware and Sporting Goods in Robertsdale, Alabama, for celebrating their 80th year of family-style service, small-town charm, and big-city selection that have kept customers happy since February 1946; and

WHEREAS, the original business partners, William Leslie Wingo and his cousin Leonard Campbell, thought they were filling a need in their community by providing a place for locals to find nuts and bolts, cast-iron skilletts, and electrical supplies; the store quickly became a place to not only find hardware and housewares, but good conversation as well; 80 years later, that aspect of the business has not changed; and

WHEREAS, John Nelson Wingo took over operations from his father in 1974, and now his daughter, Ashley Kucera, is on board and taking the store in new directions while still respecting its past; they and their staff have a combined 100-plus years of experience in hardware, sporting goods, and customer service; and

WHEREAS, choosing to keep the store in its original downtown Robertsdale location, Ashley has updated and



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29 expanded over the years; sporting goods now make up half of
30 the store's business while maintaining the look and feel of
31 an old-time hardware store; locals come to shop and tourists
32 come for the nostalgia; and

33 WHEREAS, some families are even in their third or
34 fourth generation of shopping at Campbell's; the store's
35 sales and promotions support the needs and wants of its
36 customers while also giving back to the community; for
37 example, local veterans have benefited from promotions with
38 the Honor Flight Program, while local charity organizations
39 and school programs have also received support; and

40 WHEREAS, Campbell Hardware and Sporting Goods is
41 renowned for its friendly and knowledgeable staff who assist
42 customers in finding exactly what they need, whether it's
43 firearms, archery equipment, fishing supplies, home
44 improvement supplies, or essential hardware items; customers
45 appreciate the variety, as well as the store's dedication to
46 maintaining reasonable prices, ensuring that they receive
47 both quality and value; and

48 WHEREAS, with its combination of expertise, community
49 spirit, and diverse product range, Campbell Hardware and
50 Sporting Goods remains a local landmark; now therefore,

51 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
52 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we celebrate 80 years of
53 success with the owners and staff of Campbell Hardware and
54 Sporting Goods, and we extend heartfelt congratulations,
55 along with best wishes for continued healthy business
56 operations and happy customers in the years to come.