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SJR___ COMMENDING WILLIAM RILEY HAWKINS, JR. ON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM AARP ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, William Riley "Bill" Hawkins, Jr. of
Vestavia Hills, Alabama, has exemplified a lifelong devotion
to service, integrity, and community engagement, which are
qualities instilled in him from his parents, Frances and
William R. "B.B." Hawkins of Sumter County; and

WHEREAS, Bill's path led him from his roots in rural
Alabama, via Tuscaloosa, to Birmingham, where he met and
married his devoted wife, Gina, with whom he has shared more
than 20 years of marriage and the joy of raising their
beloved daughter, Caroline, who is the light of his life;
and

WHEREAS, Bill retires from AARP Alabama, following a
distinguished career of more than two decades of dedicated
advocacy on behalf of Alabama's seniors, during which he
worked tirelessly to promote their well-being, independence,
and protection from fraud and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure at AARP, Bill served in
roles of increasing responsibility at Brookwood Hospital;
East End Memorial Hospital, now St. Vincent's East; Mayer
Electric; and the Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation,
consistently demonstrating excellence, professionalism, and
an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life



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29 for others; and

30 WHEREAS, Bill's service extends well beyond his
31 professional obligations, including a deep and abiding
32 involvement in his faith community at St. Thomas Episcopal
33 Church, where he has served faithfully as a member of the
34 vestry and as senior warden; and

35 WHEREAS, for 18 years, Bill contributed to the Miss
36 Alabama Pageant Board, where he managed cash scholarship
37 awards and played an instrumental role in raising
38 approximately \$100,000 in scholarship funds annually,
39 directly supporting the educational aspirations of young
40 women across Alabama; and

41 WHEREAS, Bill was recognized among the Top 50 Over
42 50⁺ honorees, celebrated as an outstanding community leader
43 whose influence, compassion, and dedication have had a
44 meaningful impact on the lives of countless Alabamians; and

45 WHEREAS, known for his genuine warmth, keen wit, and
46 approachable sense of humor, Bill has effortlessly built
47 lasting relationships, earning the admiration and affection
48 of his colleagues at AARP and community partners throughout
49 the state; and

50 WHEREAS, throughout his career at AARP, Bill
51 championed initiatives that empowered seniors, advanced
52 public impact policy, and strengthened protections for
53 vulnerable populations, leaving a legacy rooted in service,
54 advocacy, and humility; now therefore,

55 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
56 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That William Riley Hawkins, Jr.



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57 is hereby commended for his exceptional career, his
58 steadfast dedication to public service, and his immeasurable
59 contributions to the people of Alabama.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is
61 presented to Bill Hawkins as a token of the highest respect,
62 admiration, and gratitude, together with best wishes for a
63 fulfilling and joyful retirement and continued success in
64 all future endeavors.