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8 RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED COMPANY, PARAGON, FOR
9 RECEIVING ALBERTVILLE'S INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD.
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11 WHEREAS, it is a tremendous privilege to recognize
12 the distinguished company, Paragon, on the outstanding
13 achievement of receiving Albertville's Industry of the Year
14 Award; and

15 WHEREAS, Paragon is an award winning wholesale
16 supplier of wall decor to the home furnishing and contract
17 design trade; notably, the leading company is among the
18 largest wall decor manufactures in the country, with corporate
19 showrooms in Atlanta, High Point, and Las Vegas and a sales
20 rep network that extends from coast to coast; and

21 WHEREAS, Paragon has won a number of prestigious
22 ARTS awards and has the distinction of being the first wall
23 decor inductee into the ARTS Hall of Fame; and

24 WHEREAS, highlights of Paragon's history include the
25 inception of a idea to make inexpensively priced homes
26 beautiful by an exemplary couple, Wendell and Bonnie Glassco,
27 in 1970; the purchases of Carousel Decors and Paragon;

1 Paragon's venture in manufacturing framed prints in 1979;
2 launch of the Paragon Picture Gallery, dedicated to the
3 production of framed art, in 1981; the second generation's
4 entry into the family business; the company's decision to
5 focus solely on wall decor; the company's venture into
6 manufacturing higher-end wall decor in 1990; the opening of
7 new corporate showrooms in Las Vegas and High Point and a move
8 into a new 150,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing
9 facility; Paragon's collaboration with some of the best
10 designers in the industry including Candice Olson, Mark
11 Abrams, Vikki Wiegel, Bobby Sikes, and Tim Burney; and
12 Paragon's acquisition of high end wall decor, lighting and
13 accessory specialist, Kinder-Harris, to bring an added
14 dimension of exclusive hand painted art to the line and to
15 provide lamps and accessories to the market; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of the second generation of the
17 Glasscos who serve the family business include Lendell
18 Glassco, President; Malanta Glassco-Knowles, Vice President of
19 Marketing and Design; and Vince Glassco, Propac President; and

20 WHEREAS, Paragon reflects the finest aspects of the
21 American Dream, upholds the highest standards in
22 professionalism and quality, and espouses the meritorious
23 characteristics of a business that genuinely cares about
24 people; the outstanding achievement of this exceptional
25 company reflects immense honor upon the community and the
26 entire State of Alabama; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Paragon is hereby recognized
3 and its owners and employees are honored and commended, and
4 this resolution is offered in deepest admiration and
5 appreciation, along with sincere best wishes for continued
6 success in all future endeavors.