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4 HR_____ COMMENDING DANIEL CHAPLIN FOR BEING HONORED WITH THE
5 JEFF RIDGEWAY ADVOCACY AWARD.
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7 WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
8 are proudly presented to Daniel Chaplin of Homewood,
9 Alabama, for being named the 2023 Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy
10 Award Winner; and

11 WHEREAS, the Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy Award recognizes
12 individuals with disabilities who have displayed exceptional
13 leadership in self-advocacy and who have declared a strong
14 vision for the Self-Advocacy Movement in Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, Daniel Chaplin serves as a dynamic example
16 to us all of what incredible things can be accomplished when
17 we self-advocate and use the power of our voice; he actively
18 participates in policy advocacy efforts in Alabama and
19 Washington, D.C.; as a board member for the National Down
20 Syndrome Congress, he often co-hosts advocacy training
21 events; and

22 WHEREAS, Daniel Chaplin has completed 45 half
23 marathons with a goal of completing a half marathon in every
24 state; he believes there should be a 321 runner, a runner
25 with Down syndrome, at every major marathon; he has joined
26 the 50 States Half Marathon Club and hopes to become the
27 first person with Down syndrome to accomplish this goal,
28 thereby showing that individuals with Down syndrome are



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29 "more alike than different"; and

30 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, Daniel Chaplin will be
31 honored as the recipient of the Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy Award
32 at the State House Entrance at 11 South Union Street as part
33 of Disability Advocacy Day; now therefore,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
35 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Daniel Chaplin is honored and
36 commended for being named the 2023 Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy
37 Award Winner; this resolution is offered to him in deep
38 admiration and appreciation for his commitment and
39 contributions to the Down syndrome community, along with
40 sincere best wishes for all future endeavors.