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HR_____ COMMENDING DANIEL CHAPLIN FOR BEING HONORED WITH THE
JEFF RIDGEWAY ADVOCACY AWARD.

WHEREAS, highest commendations and congratulations
are proudly presented to Daniel Chaplin of Homewood,
Alabama, for being named the 2023 Jeff Ridgeway Advocacy
Award Winner; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Chaplin has completed 45 half
marathons with a goal of completing a half marathon in every
state; he believes there should be a 321 runner, a runner
with Down syndrome, at every major marathon; he has joined
the 50 States Half Marathon Club and hopes to become the
first person with Down syndrome to accomplish this goal,
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.