



# *Commendation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, Harold Howell was born on January 31, 1922 in Birmingham, Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, upon graduating from Phillips High School in Birmingham, Alabama in 1940, Harold attended Birmingham-Southern College; and*

*WHEREAS, Harold remained at Birmingham-Southern College until 1942, when he answered his nation's call to service in wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout World War II, Harold served as a torpedoman in the pacific theatre of war on two separate destroyers, the USS Wilson and the USS Gregory; and*

*WHEREAS, Harold received a Purple Heart after surviving a Kamikaze attack off the coast of Okinawa, Japan while serving on the USS Gregory; and*

*WHEREAS, at the conclusion of World War II, Harold enrolled in the University of Alabama's law program; and*

*WHEREAS, Harold completed his Juris Doctorate in 1949, and then was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Judge Advocate, reaching the rank of Colonel; and*

*WHEREAS, having been in practice for almost 70 consecutive years, Harold is one of the longest practicing attorneys in the state of Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, Harold has devoted his life to spreading the gospel and helping others and has played an instrumental role in starting churches in New Mexico, Japan and Prattville; and*

*WHEREAS, Harold's greatest accomplishment is his loving family, which includes five children, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby commend*

# *Harold Howell*

*on his distinguished service to his country and the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the  
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City  
of Montgomery on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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Kay Ivey, Governor