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 28th day of October 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor