ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Brogdon, Adelson, Aldridge, Anderson, Barrington, Bass, Branan, Cain, Capps, Coates, Coffee, Corn, Crain, Crutchfield, Easley, Eason McIntyre, Fisher, Ford, Garrison, Gumm, Harrison, Hobson, Johnson, Jolley, Justice, Kerr, Lamb, Laster, Laughlin, Lawler, Leftwich, Lerblance, Mazzei, Monson, Morgan, Myers, Nichols, Paddack, Pruitt, Rabon, Reynolds, Riley, Shurden, Taylor, Wilcoxson, Williamson, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution commending The Bama Companies, Inc., of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for outstanding and exemplary business practices; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, after 78 years in business, The Bama Companies, Inc., commands annual revenues in excess of $200 million and employs a workforce of over 1,000 employees. Bama's sales have risen to $200 million, an increase of 47% since 1999, without having raised prices on its hand-held pies and biscuits since 1996. Bama's sales per employee rose 9% from $175,000 to $205,000 between 2002 and 2003, with new product ideas implemented at ten times the industry average; and

WHEREAS, Bama encourages its employees to pursue college education with a tuition reimbursement program resulting in an investment of over $400,000 in tuition payments in 2003. Bama's employee satisfaction rating is measured at eight on a ten-point scale, and the company has had no safety, health, or environmental violations since 2000. Through Bama's community service activities, its employees contributed nearly 7,000 community service hours in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Bama has received many awards for its accomplishments, including The Company to Work For (2004, Tulsa People), Best Corporate Citizen (2004, Tulsa People), United Way Gold Award, and the Most Family Friendly Corporation in Tulsa Award from Family and Children Services (2000); and

WHEREAS, The Bama Companies, Inc., based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was recently awarded the 2004 Malcolm Baldridge National Quality Award by President George W. Bush and Commerce Secretary Don Evans. The Baldridge Award is the nation's only Presidential award for quality and organizational performance excellence. The Bama Companies, Inc., competed with 60 other applicants nationwide. The award's criteria are widely accepted as the standard for quality excellence in business performance. Past award winners include Motorola, Corning, and AT&T; and

WHEREAS, The Bama Companies, Inc., of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has represented the State of Oklahoma, its people, and our state's business community with outstanding performance and exemplary business practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends The Bama Companies, Inc., for making further and notable contributions to the culture, prosperity, and general welfare of the Great State of Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to The Bama Companies, Inc., Chief Executive Officer, Paula Marshall-Chapman; to the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Bill LaFortune; and to the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Adopted by the Senate the 4th day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate