



COMMENDATION

In Recognition of Malena Shipley Soap Box Derby World Champ

WHEREAS, The All-American Soap Box Derby has been a youth racing program which has been run since 1934. At first, the Soap Box Derby was open to boys only. Girls began racing in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Races are held each year in officially sanctioned Soap Box Derby race locations throughout the United States and a few foreign countries. The racing season culminates at the FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship Race, held each July at the world-famous Derby Downs Track in Akron, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Malena Shipley has been a resident of Brookhaven, Georgia for all her 12 years. Malena started her training at the age of seven racing against cars from all over U.S.A. and the world. To qualify, Malena had to build a car using a specially designed kit; and to win, she had to come in first in every heat; and

WHEREAS, Malena has been the local North Georgia Champion in the Stock, Super Stock and Masters Divisions. She was a 2016 Top Rally Point earner nationally in the Stock Division and took 2nd Place in the 2016 All American Stock Rally as well as turning in the fastest heat time of the day. Malena has competed in the 80th FirstEnergy All-American Soapbox Derby World Championships and has won the Local Masters World Championship in Akron, Ohio.

THEREFORE, I, John A. Ernst, Jr, Mayor of the City of Brookhaven, do hereby offer my congratulations to Malena Shipley for being the Soap Box Derby World Champion with best wishes for continued success, and I declare August 22nd, 2017 "Malena Shipley Soap Box Derby World Champ Day."

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Brookhaven, Georgia, to be affixed, this 22nd day of August, 2017.

City of Brookhaven Mayor

John A. Ernst, Jr.