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### **BAR Awards \$7,500 for Iconic Monument in Clanton's Downtown Revitalization**

BIRMINGHAM, AL, June 13, 2023 -- The Birmingham Association of REALTORS® (BAR) awards \$7,500 grant to the City of Clanton through the Community Outreach Placemaking Program from the National Association of REALTORS®.

The grant funds will be used to place a distinctive monument in a recently redeveloped public space in downtown Clanton. The new "Center of the State" Monument is the work of Mayor Mims and the city council. The monument will stand as a testament to the geographic significance of the City of Clanton and serve as a backdrop for this new public plaza.

"The REALTOR® family understands the significance of fostering vibrant communities, and I extend my gratitude to Mayor Mims for highlighting this opportunity. I eagerly anticipate witnessing the extraordinary centerpiece it will become for Clanton," expressed Senator Keith Kelley, the 2023 BAR President.

Mayor Mims added, "This monument is a project we are very excited about. Travelers from all over the country use Clanton as a benchmark as they move throughout Alabama. 'The Big Peach' is considered by most to be the center of the state. It is my hope that the addition of this monument, along with the revitalization of downtown, we will be able to attract more visitors to Clanton, and perhaps more economic investments."

Applications for Placemaking Grants of this type are limited in number with local Associations being able to receive one per year. The applications are screened by staff and volunteer members from all over the country and awarded on a rolling basis. The work must be completed within one year of final approval being granted by the National Association of REALTORS®.

"Chilton County is a wonderful place to call home and do business. In my years of doing business in and around Clanton I have seen this community flourish and prosper. I am so proud to be a REALTOR® and see our Association contribute to making Clanton an even more special place for residents and visitors," said Diane Knight, a member of the BAR Board of Directors.

A formal unveiling of the monument will be scheduled for later this summer.

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