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**AN UNLIKELY HERO – ROBERT SMALLS**

**(Beaufort, SC)** – The *700 Club*'s story of Robert Smalls aired on April 17 at 3 a.m. on ABC Family. Video footage requested of the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce and produced by Sandbar Productions was included in the educational program.

Robert Smalls' story is woven throughout Beaufort's history from his childhood as a slave to his role as the 'Gullah Statesman' and education advocate after he became a free man. When Smalls returned to Beaufort after the Civil War he purchased several buildings in Beaufort, including the house of his former owner, his childhood home.

For more information on the program or on Robert Smalls please visit [www.cbn.com](http://www.cbn.com).

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*The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce has more than 900 business members. The chamber plays a leading role in representing businesses and providing a common voice to bring concerns and solutions to local, state and federal governing bodies. Educational opportunities provided by the chamber are designed to enhance and support the growth of small businesses. The Chamber is the designated marketing organization for tourism to the City of Beaufort, the Town of Port Royal and the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County. The Chamber partners with a wide variety of non-profit organizations and businesses to market the hospitality industry and to attract visitors.*