**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLONEL BOBBY M. DILL, USA, RETIRED, OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS NATION AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS WORK TO PROMOTE PATRIOTISM AND CONSERVATISM IN HIS COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the Greenville County Republican Women’s Club will award Colonel Bobby M. Dill with the “Bob Dill Award” on June 23, 2016; and

Whereas, the award, inspired by Colonel Dill’s years of promoting patriotism and conservatism in the community, will be given in the future to community leaders who promote the values Colonel Dill embodies; and

Whereas, Colonel Dill was born in Greenville County in 1932. He attended Greenville County schools and graduated from Clemson College in 1955. Upon his graduation from Clemson, Colonel Dill reported for active duty with the United States Army. In addition to his undergraduate degree, Colonel Dill earned a master’s degree from Oklahoma State University and attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and

Whereas, Colonel Dill’s military service included assignments in South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Hawaii, Washington, DC, Germany, Korea, and Vietnam. He served in various assignments including commander of a tank unit in Germany, command and control of nuclear weapons in the CINPAC Airborne Command Post in the Pacific, reorganizing and placing under central management 138 Army Commissary Stores with more than 10,000 employees worldwide as well as directing the organization for six years after the war in Vietnam was terminated; and

Whereas, Colonel Dill’s military honors include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Services Commendation Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal and Air Crewman Wings; and

Whereas, in May 1994, Colonel Dill founded *The Times Examiner* weekly newspaper that has become a labor of love in retirement, and he has served as publisher and editor in chief since that time; and

Whereas, Colonel Dill has been married to the love of his life, the former LaVerle Griffin, for sixty-three years. They have two sons, four grandchildren, and three great grandsons; and

Whereas, since his retirement from military service, Colonel Dill has been active in the Republican Party, organizing and serving as executive committeeman for the Skyland Precinct and serving as delegate to both the Greenville County and South Carolina GOP conventions since the mid-1980s; and

Whereas, the members of the Senate are grateful for the years of dedicated service Colonel Dill has bestowed on his nation, state and community and wish him much success as he continues to promote the values of patriotism and conservatism. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Colonel Bobby M. Dill, USA, Retired, of Greenville County for his many years of dedicated service to his nation and commend him for his work to promote patriotism and conservatism in his community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Colonel Bobby M. Dill.

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