**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AUCTIONEER WILLIAM “BILL” YONCE OF FLORENCE COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL AUCTIONEERS ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME ON JULY 15, 2010.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that auctioneer William “Bill” Yonce of Florence County was inducted into the National Auctioneers Hall of Fame on July 15, 2010; and

Whereas, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) represents thousands of auctioneers in the United States and across the world; and

Whereas, Mr. Yonce was welcomed into the elite NAA Hall of Fame during the 61st International Auctioneers Conference & Show in Greensboro, North Carolina, thereby joining a distinguished group of one hundred twenty‑nine men and women who have been leaders in the auctioneering profession and industry; and

Whereas, now seventy‑three, Bill Yonce entered the exciting world of auctioneering in 1961 when he attended Reppert Auction School during a thirty‑day leave from the Air Force. Over the following years, Yonce worked as a musician and disc jockey while conducting auctions in his free time; and

Whereas, in 1964, he entered the real estate business, but by the 1980s, he had changed his career to focus solely on being a full‑time auctioneer; and

Whereas, Mr. Yonce is a member of the South Carolina Auctioneers Hall of Fame and has served in several industry leadership positions, including service with the NAA Board of Directors. He was president and chair of the board for the Auction Marketing Institute, the precursor to the NAA Education Institute. Additionally, he has served as a member of the South Carolina Auctioneer Licensing Board and as an instructor for the Mendenhall School of Auctioneering in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the owner of W.M. Yonce Auction Marketing in Florence and senior auctioneer for the Carolina Auction Team, Inc. in Spartanburg, Bill Yonce has been active in numerous local organizations and charities. He also has conducted benefit auctions across the United States for forty years, serving, among other worthy causes, the Dave Thomas Foundation, for which he has raised millions in dollars to aid the organization in its focus on adoption; and

Whereas, cognizant of his well‑deserved reputation for professional excellence and integrity, sustained over so many decades, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in saluting Bill Yonce upon his being named to this high honor. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate auctioneer William “Bill” Yonce of Florence County upon the occasion of his induction into the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame on July 15, 2010.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Bill Yonce.

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