**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 13, 2018 AS “WESLEY BRYAN DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND WESLEY BRYAN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SPORT OF GOLF.

Whereas, Wesley Bryan was born on March 26, 1990 in Chapin, South Carolina to parents George Bryan III and Valerie Bryan. He comes from a renowned golfing family, and Bryan’s father competed with him in the 2004 RBC Heritage, making them one of only a handful of father‑son duos to participate. Bryan’s brother, George Bryan IV, was a three time All‑American at the University of South Carolina and plays in the PGA Tour Latinoamerica, and his sister, Mary Chandler Bryan, played on the College of Charleston’s team. His parents also own George Bryan Golf Academy; and

Whereas, Bryan’s golf career began as a two‑time South Carolina high school state champion at Dutch Fork High School in Irmo. From there, he went on to win the 2007 South Carolina Golf Association Junior Championship at Orangeburg Country Club. He credits the South Carolina Junior Golf Association for fostering his talent and passion at a young age; and

Whereas, Bryan graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Retailing. With the University of South Carolina’s golf team, he was a four‑year letterman and two-time All-SEC player, with two collegiate victories as well. Bryan struggled with his game at USC but was able to find renewed confidence during his senior year; and

Whereas, Bryan turned professional after graduation, and he and his brother competed in *Big Break The Palm Beaches, Florida* and began making trick shot videos, which have millions of viewers online; and

Whereas, Bryan went on to qualify for the Web.com Tour in 2016, winning three events: Chitimacha Louisiana Open, El Bosque Mexico Championship, and Digital Ally Open. He received the Web.com Tour 2016 Player of the Year Award, and his wins earned him promotion to the PGA Tour; and

Whereas, Bryan claimed his first PGA Tour victory on April 16, 2017 at RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, coming from four strokes behind to win by a single stroke over Luke Donald. He was the first player from South Carolina to win in the forty-nine years of the event. With the win, Bryan moved up to 37th in the Official World Golf Ranking, his career best ranking to date. His victory also earned him a spot in the 2018 Masters Tournament; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Bryan spends Tuesday nights taking part in a traveling Bible study, the PGA Tour Fellowship; and

Whereas, Bryan has been married to his childhood sweetheart, Elizabeth Gray, since 2012; and

Whereas, Wesley Bryan has brought great pride and recognition to the people and the State of South Carolina, and the Senate looks with great interest to hear of all further accomplishments by this talented athlete. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize March 13, 2018 as “Wesley Bryan Day” in South Carolina and commend Wesley Bryan for his outstanding accomplishments in the sport of golf.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Wesley Bryan.

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