**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF C.W. “BILL” HOGAN OF CLINTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of C.W. “Bill” Hogan of Clinton on January 29, 2020, at the venerable age of nearly ninety‑six; and

Whereas, born on March 26, 1924, in Owatonna, Minnesota, Bill grew up in Manly, Iowa. This patriotic American was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division (1942‑1946). Following the war, he graduated in 1948 from Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and

Whereas, while stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he providentially met his future wife, Esther Farrell Hogan, and the two wed, founded a family of three, and enjoyed sixty‑eight years of marriage; and

Whereas, a resident of Clinton for sixty‑five years, he owned and managed radio stations WLBG and WLBG‑FM in Laurens until his retirement from radio in 1982. In addition, he was a career play‑by‑play sports announcer, starting in 1948 in Southern Pines, North Carolina. He called games for many South Carolina schools, including Presbyterian College, Furman, Wofford, Newberry, Lander, and Erskine. Bill Hogan was twice honored as South Carolina Sportscaster of the Year. In 2019, he was inducted into the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, his other business enterprises included a Century 21 real estate office in Laurens, as well as ownership of radio station WTAL in Tallahassee, Florida, in the early 1960s. Further, he was active in the chamber of commerce, having served as president of the Laurens chamber and later the Laurens County chamber. He also served as president of the Laurens Rotary Club and was a member of the Presbyterian College Board of Visitors. For many years, he was a board member of the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission in Columbia; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Bill was a longtime parishioner and treasurer at Saint Boniface Catholic Church; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his beloved wife, Esther Farrell Hogan, Bill Hogan is survived by two daughters, Teresa H. Rogers (Edwin) of Pensacola, Florida, and Frances H. McClain (Marc) of Ninety‑Six; a son, William M. Hogan (Jeanie) of Simpsonville; six grandchildren, Lee and Ed Rogers, Harry and Caroline Lowman, and Sam and Clare Hogan; a great‑granddaughter, Cora Rogers; a great‑grandson, Nolan Rogers; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of C.W. “Bill” Hogan of Clinton and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. William M. Hogan for the family.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑