**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM AMES “BILL” HALL AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of William Ames “Bill” Hall; and

Whereas, a native of Seattle, Washington, William Ames “Bill” Hall was born on November 2, 1946 and raised in Sausalito, California. He began his hospitality career as a teenager on the West Coast, where he worked in a restaurant and the family grocery store; and

Whereas, a visionary leader and successful entrepreneur, Bill founded Charleston’s Hall Management Group, along with his wife, Jeanne, and sons, Tommy and Billy. Over the years, the group has grown to include eight venues: Halls Chophouse Charleston, Slightly North of Broad, Rita’s Seaside Grille, High Cotton, Halls Signature Events at 5 Faber, Halls Chophouse Greenville, Halls Chophouse Columbia, and Halls Chophouse Nexton. All of the restaurants and staff are known for serving everyone in a generous, hospitable way, and the iconic Halls Chophouse Charleston has won countless awards for dining excellence. In recent years, it was named one of Trip Advisor’s Top 10 Dining Destinations and the third best fine dining restaurant in the United States. Bill knew that his restaurant family was key to his success and always vowed to look out for his staff; and

Whereas, from Napa Valley to Vail, Bill ran some of the most luxurious resorts in the United States. Along the way, he always invested his time and money in the surrounding community, frequently going above and beyond the call for help; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Bill served on some of South Carolina’s most prestigious boards, including the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition and Patriots Point Development Authority, which he served as chairman; and

Whereas, with a commitment to investing in future leaders, Bill also spoke at local colleges and supported the next generation of culinary talent by sponsoring eight high school students through Trident Technical College’s apprenticeship program; and

Whereas, a community giant and a pillar of strength, Bill’s determination was matched only by his deep love for his family and his affection for serving people well. Bill made everyone feel welcome and “like family”; and

Whereas, Bill is survived by his wife of forty-eight years, Jeanne Lamond Hall, and the loving Lamond family; son, Billy Hall; daughter, Stacey Gibson; son, Tommy Hall (Catherine), grandsons, Redford Gibson and Ryland Hall, and a granddaughter on the way; and cousin, Barbara Bradeson and her husband Brian. 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 William Ames “Bill” Hall and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of William Ames “Bill” Hall.

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