**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WADE COTHRAN “COT” CAMPBELL AND TO RECOGNIZE HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN AUTHOR, FAMILY MAN, AND VISIONARY HORSEMAN WHO CHANGED THE FACE OF THOROUGHBRED RACING IN AMERICA AND HAD A LASTING IMPACT ON SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Wade Cothran “Cot” Campbell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 27, 1927 to Lila Bowie Cothran Campbell and William Theodore Campbell. He attended Battleground Academy, the Darlington School, and Sewanee. Cot passed away on October 27, 2018 at the venerable age of ninety-one; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Navy, Cot served from 1944 to 1946 as a Signalman in the South Pacific and China Seas; and

Whereas, as a young man, he worked as a valet car parker, citrus grove worker, apprentice mortician, and master of ceremonies at Cypress Gardens’ water ski shows. After teaching himself to type, Cot worked as a reporter and sportswriter on three Florida and Georgia newspapers and as a copywriter and account executive for four advertising agencies in New Orleans and Atlanta. In 1964, he co‑founded Burton‑Campbell, Inc., which became one of the South’s leading advertising agencies. He also wrote three books: *Lightning in a Jar*, *Rascals and Racehorses*, and *Memoirs of a Longshot: A Riproarious Life*; and

Whereas, a revolutionary pioneer in the racing world, Cot popularized the concept of racing partnerships, and for forty-six years, he founded and led one of America’s leading stables, Dogwood Stable of Aiken, which purchased around 1,800 horses and acquired over 2,200 syndicate partners during his tenure. Under his guidance, Dogwood Stable’s horses won hundreds of races, including the 1990 Preakness Stakes and the 2013 Belmont Stakes, the Colonial Cup, and the Steeplechase Horse of the Year, and eight Dogwood horses ran in seven Kentucky Derbies; and

Whereas, as a result of his innovative and exemplary accomplishments, Cot received a number of honors and awards during his lifetime, including being inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Saratoga Walk of Fame; being named the Honor Guest of the Thoroughbred Club of America; and receiving the Eclipse Award of Merit and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of South Carolina in Aiken; and

Whereas, Cot was a member of the Jockey Club; Atlanta and Aiken Rotary Clubs; Aiken Tennis Club; Palmetto Golf Club; Piedmont Driving Club of Atlanta; Saratoga Golf and Polo Club; and Saratoga Reading Rooms in Saratoga Springs. A man of faith, he was also a member of First Baptist Church in Aiken; and

Whereas, in his free time, Cot enjoyed memorizing and reciting Rudyard Kipling poems, playing the ukulele, golfing, drawing, recounting stories, wearing comical masks, and reciting trivia; and

Whereas, Cot is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Anne Dodd Campbell; two daughters, Lila Campbell and Cary Umhau (Andrew); six grandchildren, Campbell Glenn, Brady Tindall, Cot Tindall, Lila Stiff (John), Carter Umhau, and Charlie Umhau; three great‑granddaughters, Dorothy, Eleanor, and Sally Stiff; one “baby sister,” Sally Waldron (Jim); and countless friends. His lasting influence lives on in the Aiken community, the State of South Carolina, and the nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, celebrate the life and legacy of Wade Cothran “Cot” Campbell and recognize his significant contributions as an author, family man, and visionary horseman who changed the face of Thoroughbred racing in America and had a lasting impact on South Carolina.

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