**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF C. W. “BILL” HOGAN OF LAURENS COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of C. W. “Bill” Hogan at the age of ninety‑five on January 29, 2020; and

Whereas, born in Owatonna, Minnesota, on March 26, 1924, he earned a bachelor’s degree in 1948 from Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and

Whereas, Mr. Hogan served his country with distinction in the United States Army during World War II as a member of the elite 82nd Airborne Division; and

Whereas, he began his career as a play‑by‑play sports announcer in 1948 in Southern Pines, North Carolina, and was twice honored as South Carolina Sportscaster of the Year. For his exceptional career as a sports announcer, he was inducted into the Laurens County Sports Hall of Fame in 2019; and

Whereas, as a businessman, Mr. Hogan owned radio station WTAL in Tallahassee, Florida, in the early 1960s, and he owned and managed radio station WLBG and WLBG‑FM in Laurens until his retirement from radio in 1982. He also had a Century 21 real estate office in Laurens; and

Whereas, dedicated to the Laurens community, Mr. Hogan was active in the Chamber of Commerce, having served as president for the Laurens Chamber and later for the Laurens County Chamber. He served as president of the Laurens Rotary Club and on the Board of Visitors for Presbyterian College. For many years, he was a board member of the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission in Columbia; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of sixty‑eight years, the late Esther Farrell Hogan, he reared three fine children: Teresa H. Rogers, of Pensacola, Florida; Frances H. McClain of Ninety‑Six; and William M. Hogan of Simpsonville; and

Whereas, Mr. Hogan’s children blessed him with the affection of six adoring grandchildren: Lee and Ed Rogers, Harry and Caroline Lowman, and Sam and Clare Hogan, as well as two great‑grandchildren, Cora and Nolan Rogers; and

Whereas, he was a faithful and long‑time parishioner and treasurer at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Joanna, where his wife served as organist for more than fifty years; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Bill Hogan and for the example of industry and excellence he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

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

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of C. W. “Bill” Hogan.

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