**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE PEDEN BROWN MCLEOD OF COLLETON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Peden Brown McLeod at the age of eighty-one on Thursday, December 30, 2021; and

Whereas, born in Walterboro on September 3, 1940, he was one of four beloved sons of Rhoda Lane Brown McLeod and Walton James McLeod, Jr. His brothers were Walton James McLeod III, Thomas Gordon McLeod III, and the late William Mullins McLeod; and

Whereas, Peden McLeod graduated in 1958 from The Asheville School in Asheville, North Carolina, and earned a bachelor’s degree in 1962 from Wofford College, serving as president of his junior and senior classes and as a member of the Senior Order of Gnomes and Kappa Alpha Order, of which he was president his senior year; and

Whereas, on July 7, 1962, he married Mary Waite Hamrick of Gaffney, and together until her passing, they reared four outstanding children: Mary Carlisle McLeod Benson of Columbia; Peden Brown McLeod, Jr., of Mount Pleasant; Rhoda Lane McLeod Perry of Hendersonville, North Carolina; and John Reaves McLeod of Columbia; and

Whereas, from 1962 to 1964, Mr. McLeod served in the United States Army at Fort Holabird, Maryland, and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He served until 1972 in the United States Army Reserves, attaining the rank of Captain; and

Whereas, he earned a juris doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1967, where he served as a board member of the South Carolina Law Review, a member of the Society of Wig and Robe, and president of the Phi Delta Phi legal society; and

Whereas, after serving two years as law clerk for United States District Judge Charles E. Simons, Jr., in Charleston, he returned to Walterboro in 1969 to practice law. For more than fifty years, he was a leading member of the South Carolina Bar, serving as secretary of the Colleton County Bar Association, a member of the South Carolina Bar’s House of Delegates, and a permanent member of the United States Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference; and

Whereas, devoted to his community, Mr. McLeod was a founder, board chairman, and CEO of the Bank of Walterboro, now the Bank of the Lowcountry. He served as commander of the American Legion Post 93, district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, and as a member of the Jaycees, Lions Club, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Masons, and Shriners. In 1972, his extensive civic role was honored with the Walterboro Jaycees Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, he served on the Walterboro City Council from 1970 to 1972 and was elected to serve in the South Carolina House of Representatives starting in 1972, serving on the Ways and Means Committee, as assistant majority leader, and as chair of the Joint Appropriations Review Committee. In 1979, he began serving in the South Carolina Senate, representing Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, and Allendale counties and serving on the Finance and Senate Medical Affairs committees, chairman of the latter. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. McLeod was elected Code Commissioner and Director of the South Carolina Legislative Council in 1990. He was a life member of the Uniform Law Commission and made invaluable contributions over the years to the commission’s work of drafting uniform state laws. He retired in 1998 from Legislative Council, received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor David Beasley, and returned to practice law full time in Walterboro; and

Whereas, he was blessed with the affection of ten adoring grandchildren: Young Perry, Strahley Benson, Hamrick Perry, Carlisle Benson, McCollough Perry, Eliza Perry, Peden McLeod III, Bartlett McLeod, Alden Perry, and Mollie McLeod; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the life and legacy of Peden McLeod and for the example of service he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of the Honorable Peden Brown McLeod of Colleton County and extend deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Peden Brown McLeod.

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