**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MUSICIAN, SONGWRITER, AND PRODUCER, WILLIAM FREDERIC “ERIC” BASS, JR., BASSIST FOR THE AMERICAN ROCK BAND SHINEDOWN, AND TO SALUTE HIS EXCEPTIONAL MUSICAL TALENT.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to commend the extraordinary musical talent of William Frederic “Eric” Bass, Jr.; and

Whereas, born October 23, 1974, into a very musical family, Eric Bass was encouraged to sing and play piano from an early age, and he received a trombone when he was thirteen and moved to guitar the next year, which he taught himself to play; and

Whereas, the second recording studio Mr. Bass owned was called Ocean Industries Studios, and he now owns a studio called Big Animal Studio, in which he recorded and produced *Planet Zero*; and

Whereas, he joined Shinedown in 2008, before the release of *The Sound of Madness*, as a permanent replacement for another member, but he did not record that album with the band; and

Whereas, Mr. Bass quickly became a prominent member in Shinedown and has written many of their songs, starting with *Amaryllis*. After producing a few singles for the band, such as “Diamond Eyes” and “Cut the Cord,” he produced Shinedown’s sixth album, *Attention, Attention* in 2018, and in 2022, he produced their seventh album, *Planet Zero*, in Big Animal Studio; and

Whereas, he now tours with the band, and in concert, he plays the keyboard and contributes backup vocals in addition to his bass duties; and

Whereas, Mr. Bass has suffered from depression, which has influenced some of his work, especially *Attention, Attention,* which was shaped by his condition and the addiction of another member of the band; and

Whereas, he was influenced by bass players Robert DeLeo of STP, Chris Wolstenholme of Muse, and Tim Commerford of Rage Against The Machine, as well as numerous producers; and

Whereas, currently residing in Charleston, Eric Bass enjoys life in the Lowcountry with his wife and their two dogs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the musical renown that Eric Bass brings to the Palmetto State through his music which he shares with the world. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor musician, songwriter, and producer, William Frederic “Eric” Bass, Jr., bassist for the American rock band Shinedown, and salute his exceptional musical talent.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to William Frederic “Eric” Bass, Jr.

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