**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM “BILL” TERRELL OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of pioneering broadcaster and community leader William “Bill” Terrell of Columbia on July 15, 2021, at the venerable age of seventy‑nine; and

Whereas, born December 11, 1941, in Memphis, Tennessee, Bill Terrell was the son of Amos Terrell and the former Alma Thornton. He received his early education in the Memphis school system and began his college career at Fisk University in Nashville, later graduating from Memphis State University, now the University of Memphis. There, Bill received a bachelor’s degree in political science; and

Whereas, his career in radio broadcasting began in high school. Bill was the youngest‑ever disc jockey at radio station WDIA, the first station in the United States programmed by, and for, African Americans; and

Whereas, in 1967, he moved to Columbia and joined radio station WOIC as its morning‑drive personality. One year later, he premiered on SCETV as Jobman on the groundbreaking television show *Jobman Caravan*, on which he highlighted career opportunities for the underserved. The show also featured interviewing tips and entertainment. *Jobman Caravan* earned SCETV its first Emmy Award just one year after the show’s debut; and

Whereas, continuing his efforts to inform, enlighten, and empower the citizens of South Carolina and beyond, Bill Terrell served as executive producer of SCETV’s *For the People*, which featured Listervelt Middleton and targeted the African American audience; and

Whereas, for many years, he was the voice of the South Carolina State University Bulldogs’ football team, providing play‑by‑play and commentary, as well as game analysis; and

Whereas, in addition, Bill inspired radio audiences on WWDM by interacting, entertaining, and informing his listeners; and

Whereas, in 2002, Bill was inducted into the South Carolina State Athletics University Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, before fully retiring, he became a visiting professor of broadcasting at Claflin University in Orangeburg. In 2016, Bill Terrell received the Master Award in recognition for outstanding lifetime achievements as an on‑air talent, broadcast educator, and community servant; and

Whereas, Bill Terrell leaves to cherish his memory his four children, Terri (Raymond) Bynoe of Columbia, Todd Terrell of Los Angeles, Tiffany Terrell of Columbia, and Tocquin Terrell of Columbia, as well as five grandchildren and three great‑grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, two brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, and his former wife, Patricia Smith Terrell. 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of William “Bill” Terrell of Columbia, celebrate his life, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

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

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