**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF SENATOR PEDEN BROWN MCLEOD 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 Senator Peden Brown McLeod on December 30, 2021, at the age of eighty-one; and

Whereas, a native of Walterboro, Senator McLeod was born on September 3, 1940 to parents Walton James McLeod, Jr and Rhoda Lane Brown McLeod; and

Whereas, he was an alumnus of Wofford College, where he was president of his junior class, president of his senior class, a member of the Senior Order of Gnomes, and a member of Kappa Alpha Order, of which he served as president his senior year; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Senator McLeod served on active duty from 1962 to 1964, during which time he was stationed at Fort Holabird, Maryland, and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was a captain in the United States Army Reserve; and

Whereas, while attending the University of South Carolina Law School, he was a board member of the South Carolina Law Review, a member of the Society of Wig and Robe, president of the Phi Delta Phi legal society, and a page in the South Carolina Senate. Following graduation, he served as law clerk for United States District Judge Charles E. Simons, Jr. in Charleston; and

Whereas, a civic leader, 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, he received the Walterboro Jaycees Distinguished Service Award; and

Whereas, Senator McLeod served as a Walterboro City Council member from 1970 to 1972. He was elected as a state representative in the South Carolina House of Representatives starting in 1972, where he became a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Assistant Majority Leader, and Chair of the Joint Appropriations Review Committee. On December 4, 1979, he was sworn in as a member of the South Carolina Senate. In the Senate, he became a member of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Senator McLeod was elected Code Commissioner for the State of South Carolina and Director of the South Carolina Legislative Council. He represented South Carolina as a Commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and served as Secretary of the South Carolina Judicial Council. He received the Order of the Palmetto from Governor David Beasley; and

Whereas, while practicing law in Walterboro, he became 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. For more than fifty years, he was a leading member of the South Carolina Bar. He was a founder, Board Chairman, and CEO of the Bank of Walterboro, now the Bank of the Lowcountry; and

Whereas, Senator McLeod was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Waite McLeod, and by his brother, William Mullins McLeod; and

Whereas, Senator McLeod leaves to cherish his memory his four children, Mary Carlisle McLeod Benson (Donald); Peden Brown McLeod, Jr. (Jolee); Rhoda Lane McLeod Perry (Jim); and John Reaves McLeod (fiancée Colleen Guffee); his ten grandchildren, Young Perry, Strahley Benson, Hamrick Perry, Carlisle Benson, McCollough Perry, Eliza Perry, Peden McLeod, III, Bartlett McLeod, Alden Perry, and Mollie McLeod; and his brothers, Walton James McLeod, III and Thomas Gordon McLeod III. 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 Senator Peden Brown McLeod 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 of Senator Peden Brown McLeod.

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