**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JIM BOHANNON OF OCONEE COUNTY ON BEING SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS’ PRESTIGIOUS BROADCASTING HALL OF FAME.

Whereas, it is a great pleasure to recognize talk show host and Oconee County resident Jim “Jimbo” Bohannon, who has been selected as the 2022 National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Broadcasting Hall of Fame inductee. The host of *The Jim Bohannon Show*, syndicated by Westwood One and heard on over three hundred stations, will be honored during the Achievement in Broadcasting event at the NAB Show, to be held April 23‑27, 2022, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

Whereas, Mr. Bohannon was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Missouri Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in 2021; and

Whereas, a fifty‑year‑plus broadcasting veteran, Mr. Bohannon spent more than thirty‑one years as host of the early‑morning weekday news magazine *America in the Morning*, for which he still provides interviews and his feature *The Offbeat*. He previously hosted the weekend news magazine *America This Week*; and

Whereas, NAB President/CEO Gordon Smith had this to say about Jim Bohannon: “Jim encompasses the spirit of radio. His distinct voice, humor, and engaging programs have informed and entertained listeners for fifty years while addressing historic milestones affecting our nation. I am grateful for his friendship and the opportunities I have had to be a guest on his show. We congratulate Jim on this befitting honor”; and

Whereas, Mr. Bohannon began his radio career in 1960 at KLWT‑AM in his hometown of Lebanon, Missouri. Following college and military service during the Vietnam War, he returned to radio in the Washington, D.C., market, covering news at both WTOP‑AM and WWRC‑AM. He later worked as a morning anchor at WCFL‑FM Chicago and as a freelance reporter for CNN; and

Whereas, starting in 1984, he hosted his own Saturday night phone‑in program and served as the principal backup for Larry King on *The Larry King Show*. In February 1993, Mr. Bohannon took over the nighttime radio talk show slot formerly held by King. Bohannon joined Westwood One in 1983 and has anchored newscasts, political conventions, and election‑night coverage, in addition to his weekday programs; and

Whereas, Jim Bohannon is also the recipient of a Special Recognition First Amendment Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution,

congratulate Jim Bohannon of Oconee County on being selected for induction into the National Association of Broadcasters’ prestigious Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jim Bohannon.

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