**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR BOB MENDEL DILL, FOUNDER, EDITOR, AND PUBLISHER OF THE *TIMES EXAMINER* IN GREENVILLE, FOR HIS COMMENDABLE SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UPSTATE AND FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON JOURNALISM IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to commend citizens like Bob Mendel Dill who give so tirelessly of their time and resources for the betterment of their communities, their State, and their nation; and

Whereas, born in Greenville County on August 4, 1932, Bob Dill earned a bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry from Clemson College in 1955, serving in the United States Army Reserves while a student. Upon graduation, he was honorably discharged from the Reserves and accepted a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife of sixty‑three years, the former LaVerle Griffin, reared two fine sons: Tim, a graduate of The Citadel, and Glenn, a graduate of Clemson University with a master’s degree in business administration from Georgia State University. Their sons have blessed them with the love of four grandchildren and three great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, even though the Dill family moved twenty‑nine times in twenty‑six years, Mr. Dill earned a master’s degree from Oklahoma State University and completed the United States Army Command and General Staff College; and

Whereas, his assignments included command of a tank unit in Germany, command of a supply and service battalion at Fort Hood, Texas, and command and control of nuclear weapons in the CINCPAC Airborne Command Post in the Pacific. For six years, he managed and directed 138 United States Army commissary stores with more than ten thousand employees worldwide; and

Whereas, for his outstanding military service, Mr. Dill was honored with the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Army Commendation Medal, among others. He retired from the army in 1980 at the rank of colonel; and

Whereas, in 1994, he founded, and is the publisher and editor of, the *Times Examiner*, “an independent, conservative voice of the Palmetto State.” The newspaper’s syndicated columnists have included Phyllis Schlafly, Walter Williams, and Pat Buchanan; and

Whereas, the founding executive officer of the Military Service Corps of South Carolina, Mr. Dill is a lifetime member of the Military Officers Association of America and a member of both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Rudolf Anderson Post 214 of the American Legion in Taylors; and

Whereas, his active involvement in the Republican Party earned him the 2007 Strom Thurmond Leadership Award and the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greenville County Republican Party, and he was honored with Friend of the Taxpayer awards in 2003 and 2009 from the South Carolina Association of Taxpayers; and

Whereas, through his great‑grandfather William Lowe Burgess, Mr. Dill is an active member in the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and has been honored by the South Carolina Division of the SCV with the Stonewall Jackson Individual Contribution Award, the SCV commander‑in‑chief’s Superior Achievement Award, and the United Daughters of the Confederacy’s Military Service Award; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the outstanding and meaningful contributions that Bob Dill has made to our nation, to our State, and to the Upstate. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution congratulate and honor Bob Mendel Dill, founder, editor, and publisher of the *Times Examiner* in Greenville, for his commendable service to the citizens of the Upstate and for his significant impact on journalism in the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bob Mendel Dill.

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