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## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-21**

### **COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR COLLETON COUNTY**

**[To Recognize and Honor the late Willie L. Brown, Jr. by Naming a Portion of Highway 61 in Colleton County, South Carolina, "Willie L. Brown, Jr. Highway" and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Highway Containing the Designation]**

**WHEREAS**, Willie L. Brown, Jr. known to close family and friends as "Vent", the son of Mary Frances Brown and the late Willie Louis Brown, Sr. and was born on the 29th day of August in 1965, in New York, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie L. Brown, Jr. graduated from Walterboro High School in 1983. After graduation, he attended Midlands Technical College and then decided to join the U.S. Navy in 1988. He was a Culinary Specialist and Management Specialist, which he loved as he had the opportunity to showcase his wonderful talents; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie L. Brown, Jr. accepted Christ as his personal savior at a very young age and joined the Oakman Branch Missionary Baptist Church, where he continued to serve and maintained his membership even when he was on active duty serving his country in the U. S. Navy for twenty years; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie loved to cook and demonstrated his hospitality as well as show off his culinary talents and keen-eye for decorating as a part of his family business elegant elements with his wife Tera and their three beautiful daughters; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 9, 2019, during his daily commute to work, Willie L. Brown Jr. was killed by a drunk driver on Highway 61 in Givhans, SC. His passing was a devastating loss to many, as he was known for his selflessness, kindness, and compassion among his friends, colleagues, and family; and

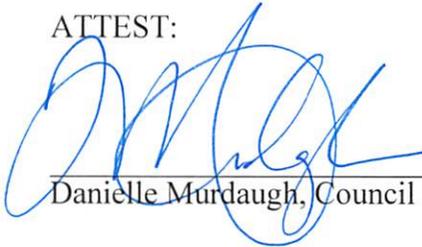
**WHEREAS**, This dedication is not only a way to honor Willie L. Brown Jr.'s legacy but also a reminder of the serious consequences of drinking and driving. By designating a portion of Highway 61 in his name, we can raise awareness about DUI laws and the impact of reckless decisions on families and communities.; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to the devout service of this distinguished son of South Carolina by naming the highway that was home to Willie L. Brown Jr. in his honor.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by Colleton County Council, duly assembled that County Council hereby recognizes and honors the late Willie L. Brown, Jr. by Naming a Portion of Highway 61 in Colleton County, South Carolina, "Willie L. Brown, Jr. Highway" and Having Erected Appropriate Markers or Signage at the Section of the Highway Containing the Designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Department of Transportation and the family of Willie L. Brown Jr.

ATTEST:

  
Danielle Murdaugh, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

  
Scott Biering, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**  
OPPOSED: