STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 677

RESOLUTION CREATING AN ANNUAL LOCAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE HONORING WILLIAM G. "BILLY" FARROW ON OCTOBER 15, 2017, THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

***Whereas**, William G. Farrow was born on September 24, 1918, and was raised in Darlington, South Carolina where, at the age of 16, he became an Eagle Scout.*

***Whereas,** William G. Farrow began college at the University of South Carolina until he was asked to study at the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics in Orangeburg, South Carolina. In the fall of 1940, he joined the United States Army Air Corps as a lieutenant and a pilot.*

***Whereas,** William G. Farrow obtained his aviator badge and a commission as a second lieutenant at Kelly Field in Texas in 1941. Following his completion of the B-25 Mitchell Training Program, he was sent to Pendleton Field in Oregon as a member of the 34th Bomb Squadron.*

***Whereas,** William G. Farrow volunteered to participate in an unknown mission that would later become known as the Doolittle Raid, which took place in April 1942. Farrow was the pilot of the "Bat out of Hell," the number 16 bomber to take off from the USS Hornet. He and his crew performed their mission flawlessly.*

***Whereas,** William G. Farrow, along with his crew, was captured in occupied China. He and two other crew members were tried and sentenced to death after having been subjected to harsh imprisonment, interrogation, and torture.*

***Whereas,** William G. Farrow, a Darlington County resident, died in hostile hands at dawn on October 15, 1942, by means of a firing squad.*

***Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, that October 15, 2017, the 75th anniversary of the execution of William G. Farrow, begin an annual day of remembrance of his heroism and sacrifice for the causes of freedom, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

Adopted in meeting duly assembled this 5th day of June 2017.

DARLINGTON COUNTY 1785

Bobby Hudson

Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council

ATTEST: J. JaNet Bishop

J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council