

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

RESOLUTION NO. 794

Resolution Honoring The Late J. Lewis Brown

WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown was born in Hartsville, South Carolina, educated in Darlington County public schools, and graduated from Hartsville High School, where he earned many athletic accolades, including being selected to play in the Shrine Bowl; and

WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown attended Wofford College and graduated from Francis Marion University, where he received athletic scholarships to play football and baseball. His commitment to sports extended to his work with the South Carolina Junior Girls Golf Association, where he was a founder and Tournament Director for 23 years. He also coached girls' softball and served as President of the Dixie Youth Girls Softball League; and

WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown served as President of the Hartsville Rotary Club, contributed to several South Carolina Department of Natural Resources committees, and was a founding member of the Hartsville Outdoor Club, promoting wildlife-friendly farming practices and healthy ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown worked for Sonoco Products Company for over 30 years. He was elected and served on Darlington County Council from January 1989 to December 1991 and from January 2017 to February 2021 and served as Vice Chairman for three years. He served as Darlington County Economic Development Director from February 2021 until his death on February 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown, in his role as Darlington County Economic Development Director, was instrumental in fostering relationships between industry and educational partners, establishing the ASCEND program to provide eighth graders the opportunity to establish relationships for future employment within the county, and was the driving force behind securing \$30 million for the establishment/expansion of a Technical Education Campus in Hartsville, creating opportunities for new businesses and jobs; and


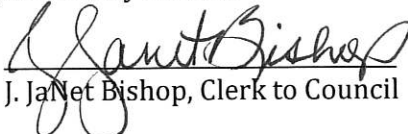
WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown received the Order of the Palmetto, as did his father, the late Johnny "Bobo" Brown, making them the only father and son duo to receive South Carolina's highest civilian award from the same sitting Governor, the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster; and

WHEREAS, J. Lewis Brown's passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of his family, friends, and the community, but his legacy of service and dedication will continue to inspire all who knew him.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council, to extend its heartfelt condolences to all those who were touched by J. Lewis Brown's remarkable life. We honor his memory and express our appreciation for his service to our community. May God bring you peace and healing.

Adopted by the Darlington County Council on May 5, 2025.




Bobby Hudson, Chairman
Darlington County Council
Attest: 
J. Janet Bishop, Clerk to Council