

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
  ) RESOLUTION 8-21 HONORING  
  ) JIMMIE COGGINS  
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY        )

WHEREAS, James F. (AKA Jimmie) Coggins, had an offer to manage a Newberry radio station in 1949 and then purchased the radio station in 1951. Since that time the radio station has been a Coggins owned and run radio station known as WKDK. At the passing of Mr. James F. Coggins, management and ownership of the radio station passed to James P. (AKA Jimmie) Coggins.

WHEREAS, during their careers, James F. and James P. Coggins have covered local, state, and national events with news updates throughout the day. WKDK has kept the public informed on major events, such as the JFK assassination and the 9/11 attacks, and continues with this type of critical reporting through the 2020-21 pandemic. With respect to the 9/11 attacks, James P. Coggins was able to record and interview Joe Palmer, Newberry Chief Fireman at the time, who called in from ground zero a few days after the attack.

WHEREAS, during their careers at WKDK, the Coggins have covered School Board meetings, Newberry County Council and Newberry City Council meetings, the tornado of 1984, the flood of 1986, the 2015 American Legion World Series, the eclipse of 2017 and many other events of local interest.

WHEREAS, James F. and James P. Coggins have received numerous recognitions, including the Order of the Palmetto, the SC Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in 2002, Sportscaster of the Year in 1959, Rotarian of the Year in 1997-1998 and Rotarian of the Year in 2002-2003.

WHEREAS, radio station WKDK has received much recognition including St. Jude's Radiothon, Newberry County Board of Education, Rotary Club, Newberry Lion's Club, Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Red Cross, and Gamecock radio network.

WHEREAS, in 2006, the station introduced automation and started broadcasting 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Soon afterwards, the station was able to stream broadcasts for listeners by way of its website.

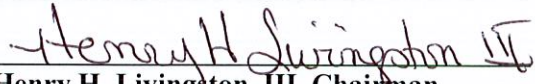
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY RECOGNIZES WKDK AND THE COGGINS FAMILY FOR 75 YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWBERRY COUNTY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, MR. JAMES P. (JIMMIE) COGGINS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR BEING A POSITIVE REFLECTION ON THE COUNTY.

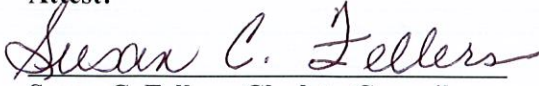
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council and a framed copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Jimmie Coggins.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

(SEAL)

BY:   
Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Attest:  
  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

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