

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, born August 15, 1925, in Dalzell, South Carolina, Bill Pinkney is a legendary performer and dedicated humanitarian whose strong roots encompass a deep and abiding love of God and country; and

WHEREAS, entertaining and delighting audiences of all ages for more than fifty years as a founder of "The Drifters," Bill Pinkney has also earned distinction as a soldier during World War II, an outstanding player with the Blue Socks Baseball Team, a gospel singer, and a tireless worker for the benefit of others; and

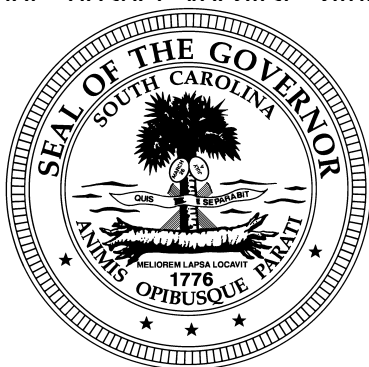
WHEREAS, Bill Pinkney's numerous awards and recognitions, including induction into the Rock and Roll, the South Carolina Rhythm and Blues/Beach Music, and the Vocal Group Halls of Fame, the receipt of the Rhythm and Blues Foundation Pioneer Award, commendations from government officials and industry leaders, and a park named for him in his home town of Dalzell, South Carolina, are a testament to the incredible contributions he has made; and

WHEREAS, as an ambassador of good will and music from the Palmetto State, Bill Pinkney has touched countless lives through his selfless commitment to his faith, his country, his music, and his fellow man.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2005, as

BILL PINKNEY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in the celebration of Bill Pinkney and his exemplary life of dedication as a soldier patriot gospel vocalist athlete and popular music superstar on the occasion of



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA