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A senate RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF eddie clay berry, Jr. AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Eddie Clay Berry, Jr. on March 19, 2023; and

Whereas, a native of Roseville, Mr. Berry was born on September 4, 1968 to parents Eddie Clay Berry, Sr. and Lillie Mae Mack Berry; and

Whereas, Mr. Berry graduated Bowman High School in 1986. He went on to obtain his associate degree in Building Construction Technology from Denmark Technical College. He was a master brick mason and an entrepreneur in the trade; and

Whereas, Mr. Berry became a correctional officer and taught Brick Masonry at Lieber Correctional Institution and Kirkland Correctional Institution. He was later employed by the Colleton County School District at Thunderbolt Career and Technology Center as a Brick Mason Instructor, where he remained employed until his passing. Mr. Berry loved the students at TCTC and talked often about them; and

Whereas, in addition to his time teaching and investing in the students at TCTC, Mr. Berry and his wife were foster parents through the Bair Foundation; and

Whereas, Mr. Berry is remembered as a kind and selfless person who put his family first. He was quick to help others and had a contagious smile; and

Whereas, Mr. Berry was preceded in death by his father, Eddie Clay Berry, Sr., and son, Johnathan Berry; and

Whereas, Mr. Berry leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Ada Mae Kelly Berry; his two sons, Tavarious Juvon Berry and Amauri Leviticus Berry; his mother, Lillie Mae Berry; his sister, Tunisha Summers; his grandmother, Lessie Berry; his mother‑in‑law, Lula Mae Reeves; his four sisters‑in‑law, Sylvia Harris, Lurene King, Shawn (Frederick) Calvin, and LaDedra Carson; his brother‑in‑law, Oscar Edwards; and a host of other family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Eddie Clay Berry, Jr. and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Eddie Clay Berry, Jr.

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