**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF MARY L. SHIVERS OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mary L. Shivers of Richland County on January 10, 2011, at the venerable age of nearly eighty‑three; and

Whereas, born on March 1, 1928, Mrs. Shivers was the beloved wife of the late Clark Shivers for more than fifty years; and

Whereas, she graduated from Columbia Beauty School in 1963 and was a licensed beautician for nearly half a century, as well as a caterer; and

Whereas, believing in caring involvement in her community, she was active with the Capital View Homeowners Association, Eastern Star, Richland County Sheriff’s Department, Lower Richland Ruritan Club, and Red Hat Society; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Mary Shivers was a charter member of Temple Baptist Church, where she was leader of the Temple Rays, Bereavement Committee, and Helping Hands Ministries. One of the greatest joys and fulfillments of her life was involvement in the ministry of Camp Longridge to students, and she used the proceeds from her catering to send underprivileged youth to summer camp there; and

Whereas, concern for those less fortunate led her to raise money or gather food for their benefit. She also visited and fed neighborhood shut‑ins; and

Whereas, Mary Shivers was recognized by her church, her community, both the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate, and Governor Jim Hodges, who in May 2000 awarded her the Order of the Silver Crescent. The Richland County Council also honored her with a resolution in April 2002; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory a son, Reverend Frank Shivers, and a daughter, Linda Bleckley; four grandchildren, Mark Shivers, Stephanie McLawhorn, Andrew Bleckley, and David Bleckley; and a host of other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by son Jimmy Shivers; and

Whereas, an iconic figure in many lives, including that of former South Carolina Representative and present House Reading Clerk James “Bubba” Cromer, to whom she was a longtime friend and second mother, Mrs. Shivers will be remembered with much affection and greatly missed in the community she served and loved for so long. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Mary L. Shivers of Richland County and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Reverend Frank Shivers for the family.

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