**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF LIEUTENANT ULYSSES FLEMMING OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, deeply saddened at the news, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned of the passing of Lieutenant Ulysses Flemming on May 13, 2014 at the age of sixty-nine; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Flemming was a retired law enforcement officer of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) where he served the citizens of South Carolina for nearly forty years. He stood among law enforcement officers as one much admired; and

Whereas, one of fewer than two hundred forty full‑time natural resources enforcement officers in South Carolina, Lieutenant Flemming served and protected its natural resources by helping to patrol thirty‑one thousand square miles of the Palmetto State’s lands and inland waters; and

Whereas, Lieutenant Flemming was a resident of Richland County. He was hired by DNR on February 24, 1970, becoming the first African‑American law enforcement officer for DNR, then known as the South Carolina Wildlife Resources Department. He was one of forty‑two candidates to apply and the only one accepted for the position; and

Whereas, believing he could “make a difference” through his love of the outdoors, Lieutenant Flemming took a pay cut from his previous post to begin work at the department and quickly proved his worth. Over the years, he saw many changes at DNR, among the most pleasing, the increasing professionalism of DNR law enforcement; and

Whereas, dedication is only one of the character qualities Lieutenant Flemming brought to the job during his many years in the field; and

Whereas, having made his mark and set the bar of professionalism high in DNR law enforcement, Lieutenant Flemming will be remembered with affection and gratitude by his colleagues at the department, his family and his friends for years to come; and

Whereas, services for Lieutenant Flemming will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014, at Highway Christian Church. Interment will follow in the church’s cemetery;

Whereas, Mr. Flemming is survived by his wife, Carolyn B. Flemming; sons, Christopher and Carroll (Eulela) Fleming; daughter, Beverly Flemming; brothers, Clente (Ojetta), Clarence (Shirley), Jimmy (Patricia), Charlie (Rosemary), and ODell (TommieJean) Flemming; sisters, Ruby (Willie) Moye and Orpha (Eugene) Goodwin; sisters, Delores (Albert) Anderson, Gloria (Ernest) McKnight, Naomi (Michael) Timmons, Holli, Idella and Juanitta (Timothy) Flemming; five grandchildren and three great‑grandchildren. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate, by this resolution, express the profound sympathy of the members of the South Carolina Senate upon the passing of Lieutenant Ulysses Flemming of Richland County and to extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Lieutenant Ulysses Fleming.

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