**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF ROBERT LAZELL DOUGLAS OF CHESTERFIELD AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Lazell Douglas on Saturday, May 24, 2014 at the age of eighty‑four; and

Whereas, born on June 17, 1929 in Chesterfield, Mr. Douglas was the son of the late Thomas Hough Douglas and Laura McNair Douglas; and

Whereas, Mr. Douglas graduated from Chesterfield High School and then joined the South Carolina National Guard, where he served for twenty‑one years; and

Whereas, Mr. Douglas owned and operated Burch and Douglas Grocery, a community store, for thirty years, where he was known for his generosity. Once he sold his business, he worked for INA Bearing for fifteen years; and

Whereas, Mr. Douglas was a lifelong member of Shiloh United Methodist Church, where he was involved in a men’s Bible class, the Men’s Club, and was a former chair of the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Mr. Douglas served on the Chesterfield County Board of Education as well as a precinct poll manager for many years; and

Whereas, Mr. Douglas enjoyed watching NASCAR and the Atlanta Braves, was an avid gardener, and always put his family and friends before himself; and

Whereas, John A. Malloy, father of Senator Gerald Malloy, started working at Burch and Douglas Grocery at age eleven in 1952 and was employed there for almost thirty years; and

Whereas, Mr. Malloy and Mr. Douglas became best friends for over sixty‑two years and remained instrumental in their respective families lives throughout; and

Whereas, friends and family mourned the loss of Mr. Douglas on Monday, May 26, 2014 at Shiloh United Methodist Church and Mr. Douglas was laid to rest in the church’s cemetery; and

Whereas, Mr. Douglas was preceded in death by his wife of many years, Mary Edwards Douglas; sisters, Velma Burch, Monte Ballard, and Volie Douglas; and brothers, Chelsea Douglas, T.H. Douglas, and Pavo Douglas; and

Whereas, surviving Mr. Douglas are his two daughters, Ann Douglas Horner and her husband Albert Leon Horner, Jr. of Douglas, Georgia, and Robin Douglas Griggs and her husband Alfred Woodrow Griggs of Darlington; two grandsons, Albert Leon Horner, III of Valdosta, Georgia, and Robert Benjamin Horner and his wife Patricia Mares Horner of Douglas, Georgia; two great grandchildren, Karah Horner and Kason Horner of Douglas, Georgia; a sister, Flora Hendrix of Decatur, Georgia; sister‑in‑law, Shirley Douglas of Chesterfield; lifelong friend, John A. Malloy; and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Robert Lazell Douglas of Chesterfield and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Robert Lazell Douglas.

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