**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE PASSING OF RODNEY CLIFTON HARDEE OF HORRY COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Rodney Clifton Hardee at the age of sixty‑six on July 9, 2013; and

Whereas, born in Loris on January 22, 1947, he was the son of Joseph Clifton Hardee and Irene Hardee and graduated from Loris High School in 1965; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s in business management from Coker College and served as the director of public works for the City of Loris for forty‑one years; and

Whereas, he served the Loris Fire Department with ardent devotion for forty years and was assistant fire chief for more than two decades, earning certification as a State Fire Marshal. He answered his last call just hours before being hospitalized for the brief illness that took his life; and

Whereas, a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, Rodney Hardee served his State and his nation in the South Carolina Army National Guard for thirty‑three years, obtaining the rank of First Sergeant; and

Whereas, a life‑long member of Oak Dale Baptist Church, he served as a deacon among his many other duties there. He founded and directed the church’s food‑distribution program, exemplifying his care for others in need and for those less fortunate within his community; and

Whereas, he was a member of the South Carolina State Fireman’s Association, South Carolina National Guard Association, South Carolina Water and Pollution Association, and Loris Masonic Lodge # 205 A.F.M.; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Donnella Stevens Hardee, he reared two fine sons, Cole and Ashley Hardee, who blessed them with five adoring grandchildren: Holly, Maclaley, Bryson, Colson, and Bella Hardee; and

Whereas. his friends and family members have established a scholarship fund in his memory for students who have survived life’s obstacles; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Rodney Hardee and for the example of sacrifice and kindness he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Rodney Clifton Hardee of Horry County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Rodney Clifton Hardee.

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