**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF HERBERT KIRSH OF CLOVER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Herbert Kirsh of Clover on January 28, 2014, at the venerable age of eighty‑four; and

Whereas, Mr. Kirsh was born on May 17, 1929, in the Bronx, New York, to Isadore and Yetta Perotsky Kirsh. Having moved to Clover as a young child, he spent the rest of his long and productive life as a resident of that town; and

Whereas, a graduate of Clover High School and Duke University, Herb Kirsh owned and operated the Kirsh Family Department Store in Clover. He served in the Naval Reserve and was a former Sunday School teacher, CEO of Clover Community Bank, longtime member of Masonic Lodge 208, and a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the State of South Carolina. On the lighter side, he was a member of Clover’s R.O.M.E.O. Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Club members met at Hardee’s every morning to solve the world’s problems; and

Whereas, Mr. Kirsh firmly believed in active participation in the community, and he demonstrated that conviction through many years of public service. He served on the Clover Town Council, was mayor of Clover, and from 1978 to 2010 served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives (District 47); and

Whereas, known as a fiscal conservative, Herb Kirsh served as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and colleagues of both parties relied on his knowledge of the budget. At the time of his leaving office, Mr. Kirsh was the longest‑serving legislator in the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in further service to their community, Herb and his wife, Suzanne, along with their family, created the Kirsh Family Foundation to provide college scholarships for graduating Clover High School seniors; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty‑nine years, as well as two sons, Larry and Bruce, Herb Kirsh leaves to cherish his memory his sons Kevin Kirsh (Tammy) and Michael Kirsh and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be missed. 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 death of Herbert Kirsh of Clover and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Kevin Kirsh for the family.

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