**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF BENNIE “CARL” CHARLES, SR., OF BISHOPVILLE 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 Bennie “Carl” Charles, Sr., of Bishopville on November 1, 2013, at the venerable age of ninety‑six; and

Whereas, born in Hartsville on September 12, 1917, Carl Charles was a son of Walter Charles and Hattie Wilson Charles. He was reared in Wisacky with the support of a loving family, including his aunt, Mrs. Minnie Benjamin, and received his education in the public schools of Darlington and Lee counties; and

Whereas, raised in a Christian home, he came to realize his need of a personal Savior and became a member of St. Mark Baptist Church, where he served as president of the Senior Choir for forty‑three years. In addition, he was a member of Liberty Hill Masonic Lodge 357 for fifty‑eight years; and

Whereas, Carl and his late wife, Catherine Henry Charles, shared the pleasure of parenting nine children, Bennie, Jr., Martha, Walter, William, Catherine, Willie, Gunell, Christine, and Dorothy, who gave their parents the joy of thirty‑three grandchildren, thirty‑four great‑grandchildren, and four great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Carl Charles demonstrated unconditional love toward others and was always ready to be called on when someone needed a friend, love, help, or guidance; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved children, Bennie Charles, Jr., Martha Davis, Walter Charles, William Charles, Catherine Armstrong, Willie Charles, Gunell Charles, Christine Joe, and Dorothy Jones; their families; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly 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 Bennie “Carl” Charles, Sr., of Bishopville and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Bennie Charles, Jr., for the family.

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