**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BERNARD WARSHAW OF COLLETON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Bernard Warshaw at the venerable age of ninety‑three on February 27, 2014; and

Whereas, born on October 27, 1920, Bernard Warshaw was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Murray Warshaw, and he graduated from Walterboro High School in 1937 and The Citadel in 1942; and

Whereas, during World War II, he served with distinction in the European Theatre of Operations, assigned to an anti‑aircraft artillery battalion. After participating in the liberation of prisoners from the notorious Nazi concentration camp of Dachau, he was honorably discharged at the rank of major in 1945; and

Whereas, when he returned to Walterboro, a decorated war veteran, he partnered with his father at Warshaw’s & Son, a men’s clothing store in Walterboro founded in 1920, where he eventually served as vice president, president, and chairman of the board; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of sixty‑seven years, Ann Lee Wagner Warshaw, he reared three fine daughters: Susan Warshaw Garfinkle, Beth Warshaw, and Amy Warshaw Pearlstine‑McNally. They blessed their parents with four adoring grandchildren and four great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mr. Warshaw served on the South Carolina State Development Board for several years and on the South Carolina Mental Health Commission for over twenty years, and in 1998, the Colleton County Council named the Colleton County Health and Human Resource buildings in his honor, the “Bernard Warshaw Complex”; and

Whereas, he served as commissioner emeritus and later chairman of the board of trustees of the Colleton Medical Center; as a director of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Walterboro and St. George; as a board member of the Colleton County Farmers Home Administration; and as an officer and director of the Shrine Club, the Elks Club, the Lions Club, and the Masons; and

Whereas, he also served as a district committeeman and finance chairman for the Pineland District of the Boy Scouts of America and as a member of the Colleton County Commission to create the Tuskegee Park and Monument at the Walterboro Airfield; and

Whereas, a former president of the Colleton County Literacy Council, Mr. Warshaw served as a cabinet member of the Hope Lodge of The American Cancer Society and president of the Jewish Historical Society of South Carolina, and he was a devoted member, president, and lay reader of Temple Mount Sinai in Walterboro and was also a member of Temple Beth Elohim in Charleston; and

Whereas, in 1973, Mr. Warshaw was awarded the State’s highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto, by Governor John Carl West. In 1999, he was awarded the Silver Crescent Award by Governor Jim Hodges, and in 2001, his alma mater The Citadel, awarded him an honorary doctorate of business administration; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful for the life and legacy of Bernard Warshaw and for the example of service and kindness he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Bernard Warshaw of Colleton 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 provided to the family of Bernard Warshaw.

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