**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE PASSING OF DELORIS HAM OLIVER OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was saddened to learn of the death of DeLoris Ham Oliver, better known as “Dee”, at the age of eighty‑five on March 30, 2014; and

Whereas, born in Sumter on December 23, 1938, Dee Ham was the third daughter of the late John H. Ham and Eliza Pringle Ham, and she was educated in the public schools of Sumter; and

Whereas, she earned a bachelor of science degree and a master’s in education from South Carolina State College, and she also held a master’s in special education from the University of South Carolina and an educational specialist degree from Converse College; and

Whereas, during the tumultuous and distressing period surrounding the Orangeburg Massacre, she served on the student government at South Carolina State College and was a campus leader; and

Whereas, for forty‑two years, Dee Oliver faithfully served as a teacher in Spartanburg School District 7, and after she retired, she returned to teaching at Vineyard of Angels Christian Academy and Legacy Christian Day School as a preschool teacher; and

Whereas, she was a devoted member of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for fifty‑two years, serving in numerous offices from the local to the international level and as a noted writer and sought‑after speaker for the sorority; and

Whereas, committed to her community, Dee Oliver volunteered as a tutor in adult education and taught in the adult education program for Spartanburg County; and

Whereas, she was a member of the Sisters of Eden #085 of the Eastern Star; Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Jack and Jill of America; and Guys and Dolls of America; and

Whereas, a faithful member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany for fifty‑two years, Dee Oliver served as a vestry member, the church clerk, president of the women’s group, and president of the church’s chapter of the Daughters of the King; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband, the late Dr. Edwin Oliver, she reared two fine daughters, Pamela N. Oliver‑Dodd and the late Tiffini Jilliyan Oliver. She was blessed with two adoring grandchildren, Dominique Alexander Dodd and Alexandria Jilliyan Dodd, many other relatives, and numerous godchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of DeLoris Oliver and for the standard of excellence and service she set for all who knew her. 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 DeLoris Ham Oliver of Spartanburg County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of DeLoris Ham Oliver.

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