**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF MRS. MILLIE KIRKLAND ALSTON OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Millie Kirkland Alston of Sumter County on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the venerable age of eighty‑eight; and

Whereas, born on January 7, 1926, in Sumter County, Millie Kirkland Alston was a daughter of Hodge and Leacy Dinkins and was educated in the public schools of Sumter County; and

Whereas, at an early age, she accepted Christ and became a member of Rafting Creek Baptist Church, where she worshipped until she married Francis Kirkland, now deceased. After her marriage, she moved her membership to Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, and the Kirklands began their family of four children; and

Whereas, Mrs. Alston was employed by Sumter School District 2 for twenty years, retiring as a cafeteria operator from Ebenezer Middle School. After her retirement, she married Harold Alston and continued to serve faithfully with several ministries at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. She was a member of the Twelve Tribes of Israel and Singing Nightingales and later became a deaconess. She also served on the missionary board, kitchen committee, YWCA, and pastor’s aide committee; and

Whereas, preceded in death by her husband, Harold Alston, Mrs. Alston leaves to cherish her memory her four children, Francis Kirkland, Jr., Diane Talley, Jessie Garrison, and Leavy Kirkland; three stepdaughters, Modestine Fleming, Virginia Artis, and Marie Deas; one adopted son, Henry Middleton; eight grandchildren; twelve great‑grandchildren; thirteen great‑great‑grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends. She 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 Mrs. Millie Kirkland Alston of Sumter County and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

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

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