**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHARLOTTE BENNETT BROUGHTON OF BERKELEY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Charlotte Bennett Broughton at the age of ninety‑three on Friday, May 8, 2014; and

Whereas, born in Cross on January 17, 1921, Charlotte Bennett was one of twelve children born to the late Henry Peter Bennett and Mattie Johnson Bennett, and she was reared in Unity Baptist Church in the Trials Community which disappeared with the creation of Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie; and

Whereas, the church of her childhood was relocated to its present location, and Charlotte continued to worship in the newly located Unity Baptist Church, a devoted member for the remainder of her life and active until her health began to fail; and

Whereas, she married her beloved husband, Franklin Broughton, on February 15, 1940, and together they reared eight fine children: Fred Broughton, Henry Broughton, Robert Broughton, Eartha Sanders, Joseph Broughton, and Curtis Broughton, as well as her late son, James, and her late daughter, Julia; and

Whereas, Charlotte’s and Franklin’s lack of formal schooling served to intensify their passion to see their children receive an education, so Charlotte insisted that her children attend school; and

Whereas, when her youngest child was in high school, Charlotte began attending adult education classes, graduating from Central High School in 1971, one year before her youngest child graduated from high school; and

Whereas, after she received her high school diploma, Charlotte Broughton was highly in demand, because of her excellent work, as a health care giver in the rural areas of Berkeley County where she served for nearly ten years; and

Whereas, busy with her family and her work, she still found time to serve as a member of the Eastern Star until her health prevented her from active participation; and

Whereas, she was blessed to have an amazing progeny which she lived to see: twenty adored grandchildren, sixteen great‑grandchildren, and three great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Charlotte Broughton and for the example of caring and kindness 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 Charlotte Bennett Broughton of Berkeley County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Charlotte Bennett Broughton.

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