**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE, UPON THE PASSING OF TANNER NOLAN LEWIS OF AIKEN COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Tanner Nolan Lewis on March 31, 2013, at the age of 17; and

Whereas, born on August 10, 1995, Tanner was the son of David and Donna Lewis and the devoted brother of Logan and Jamie; and

Whereas, an outstanding senior at Midland Valley High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, and the Academic Team and served as a junior marshal for 2012 graduates; and

Whereas, as if life would not permit him enough opportunities, he bundled so many noteworthy experiences into his seventeen years. He was a member of the French Club, the Book Club, and the Boy Scouts, serving as a patrol leader from the sixth grade through the twelfth grade, and he was a student aide for the school’s media center and a 2012 Legislative Shadow; and

Whereas, he was presented the Coker College Scholarship for Excellence Award and was named a Newberry Junior Scholar, a Presbyterian College Fellow, a University of South Carolina Aiken Junior Scholar, and a Wofford Scholar; and

Whereas, in 2012, he earned the Boy Scouts’ coveted Eagle Scout as a member of Troop 351 in Langley, and he had been accepted to Duke University for the fall of 2013, the first Midland Valley student to gain acceptance to that prestigious university, with aspirations of becoming a lawyer and future governor of South Carolina; and

Whereas, often reaching out to classmates and others who normally did not fit in, he made them feel welcome. He held strong conservative values, enjoyed debates, never budged from the beliefs that mattered to him, and genuinely cared about those around him; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the impact that the life of Tanner Lewis had on so many and for the standard of kindness and excellence he set for all who knew and loved him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow, upon the passing of Tanner Nolan Lewis of Aiken 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 Tanner Nolan Lewis.

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