**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF CAROLYN “CARRIE” WASHINGTON AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Carolyn “Carrie” Washington, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and cousin on May 10, 2015; and

Whereas, born in Orangeburg County on August 26, 1952, Carolyn Washington was a daughter of the late Reverend Reedy Wilson, Sr., and Mrs. Georgianna Griffin Wilson; and

Whereas, a 1971 graduate of Roberts High School, she attended Orangeburg Technical College before working many years as an industrial specialist, a substitute teacher and school librarian, a property manager, and a restaurant cashier; and

Whereas, Carolyn was married to Curtis Washington on June 3, 1994, and they were blessed with three loving daughters, Shalonda McCray of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Shakesha Gillens of Columbia, and the late Courtney Jaquette Wilson; and

Whereas, in addition to her parents and daughter, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband and siblings Jessie Nelson, Joan Wilson, Roszena Wilson Bell, and Reedy Wilson, Jr.; and

Whereas, a devoted member of Miracle Faith Temple United Church of God, Mrs. Washington served as a member of the senior choir, Sunday school teacher, and usher. A member of multiple singing groups, most notably “Darrell and the Spiritual Angels,” she always had a song in her heart and a huge smile on her face; and

Whereas, she was cherished in her community and adored by all of the neighborhood children to whom she was known as the “Candy Lady” for her generosity in sharing sweets, love, her caring spirit, and her profound wisdom; and

Whereas, in addition to her two surviving daughters and their husbands, Mrs. Washington is survived by five grandchildren, Tyreke McCray, Ty’lana McCray, Za’ Carriah McCray, Anna Logan, and Fredrick Gillens. Also surviving are her godson, Le’Tarius Fludd, friends Rosa Marie Terry and Gwendolyn Boneparte, a host of loving relatives and friends, and her sisters and brothers; and

Whereas, Carolyn Washington will forever be lovingly remembered by her family and friends, and will be profoundly missed by all who had the pleasure to know her; and

Whereas, it is proper and fitting for the members of the South Carolina General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to remember and honor such a distinguished person as Mrs. Carolyn Washington. 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 Carolyn “Carrie” Washington 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 Carolyn “Carrie” Washington.

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