**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF RAE’VON DOMINIQUE BRAISHAUN FRANCIS OF CHARLESTON 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 untimely death of Miss Rae’Von Dominique Braishaun Francis, who passed away in Charleston on November 6, 2015, at the age of twenty‑one; and

Whereas, born in Charleston on August 7, 1994, Rae’Von was the daughter of Mr. Shaun Francis and Mrs. Janica Francis Hunter; and

Whereas, Rae’Von lived and loved her childhood growing up in the Carolina Lowcountry, where she attended the Charleston County public schools and Bethany Baptist Church. When Rae’Von’s family moved to Hanahan in 2005, she attended Hanahan High School and graduated from that institution in 2012. For the next two years, she attended Trident Technical College, pursuing her dreams of higher education in further preparation for her life’s work. Rae’Von wanted to be a graphic designer and someday a registered nurse; and

Whereas, despite having suffered a traumatic brain injury in a near‑fatal 2007 car accident on her thirteenth birthday, Rae’Von led an exemplary, independent, and productive life, having overcome many physical challenges. She was a fashionista with a keen sense of style, always sporting the latest “kicks” and must‑haves; she was the social‑media queen of Hip Pop who kept up with the latest in the world of entertainment. Her courageous attitude and positive outlook were an inspiration to all who knew her; and

Whereas, Rae’Von had a gift for inspiring others and making each person around her feel special. She had a light that drew people to her and lifted them up with a welcoming smile and generous spirit. A good listener, she asked varied questions about people’s homes, families, interests, schools, and work; and

Whereas, Rae’Von never met a stranger, had a cheerful word for everyone, and was bound and determined to find a connection with each person she met. She looked for ways to create opportunities for others to share their talents and loved collaborating with diverse individuals and groups to help those in need. She ended every conversation with a hug and “I love you”; and

Whereas, a young lady who loved life and lived it to the fullest, Rae’Von possessed a “can do” attitude that made every day fun and filled it with laughter, humor, and her dry wit; and

Whereas, a devoted sister and daughter who loved her family, her friends, and her many pets, Rae’Von Francis leaves to cherish her memories her parents, Mr. Shaun Francis and Mrs. Janica Francis Hunter; her brothers, Minister Sh’Kur M.R. Francis, Mr. Donald L. Vanderhorst, Jr., and Mr. Arthur Hunter, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends. Her family is very proud of her and loved her very much, and she will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working with 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 death of Rae’Von Dominique Braishaun Francis of Charleston and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Shaun Francis and Mrs. Janica Francis Hunter for the family.

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