**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF MR. MCDUFFIE “M.D.” PUTNAM, JR., OF ROEBUCK AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr. McDuffie “M.D.” Putnam, Jr., of Roebuck, on February 15, 2015 at the age of ninety‑six; and

Whereas, a native of Spartanburg County, Mr. Putnam was born March 19, 1918 to the late McDuffie Putnam, Sr., and Lillian Sprouse Putnam; and

Whereas, a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Furman University, Mr. Putnam was a teacher and principal in Greenville County. He was also employed by Spartanburg School District Six, where he was the principal of Roebuck High School and Roebuck Jr. High School, and was also assistant superintendent. After retiring with forty‑three years of service, he continued to be actively involved with the district’s school and community activities; and

Whereas, Mr. Putnam faithfully served his church, Roebuck Baptist Church, for over sixty years. He served as a Sunday School teacher, the Sunday School superintendent, he established and led the Adults Unlimited Class, and served on many committees. Mr. Putnam considered it a privilege to serve as deacon and was named Deacon Emeritus at the church; and

Whereas, Mr. Putnam was a member of the Spartanburg Lions Club and received the Lions International Melvin Jones Award. He was also active with the Roebuck Improvement Association, serving as vice president for many years; and

Whereas, Mr. Putnam leaves to cherish his memory his wife of seventy‑one years, Jo Thomas Putnam; his daughter, Mary Ann Catafygiotu (Tom); granddaughters, Tiffany Catafygiotu and Megan Howard (Ryan); great‑grandchildren, Macyn and Camden Howard; sister, Dorothy Putnam Turnley of Greenwood, South Carolina; brother, Bill Putnam (Marie) of Columbia; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Putnam was predeceased by one brother, Donald Putnam; and one sister, Lucia Putnam Snipes. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Mr. McDuffie “M.D.” Putnam, Jr., or Roebuck and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Mr. McDuffie “M.D.” Putnam, Jr.

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