**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOHN PAUL DETRICK OF HAMPTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of John Paul Detrick of Hampton at the age of sixty‑eight on Monday, May 2, 2016 ; and

Whereas, born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on February 8, 1948, he was a son of the late Clair Heasley Detrick and Janet Belle Edgar Detrick and graduated from Wade Hampton High School; and

Whereas, after earning a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law, Mr. Detrick joined what became the law firm of Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth & Detrick in 1979 and had practiced in the firm’s Hampton office since that time; and

Whereas, during almost four decades of practice, he represented thousands of men and women from the Lowcountry, and since 1979, he also served as a part time prosecutor with the 14th Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office; and

Whereas, well known for zealous representation of his clients and for his compassion for the underdog, Mr. Detrick was frequently asked to serve as trial counsel with other lawyers in important cases because of his expertise as a trial lawyer; and

Whereas, he was not only a partner with Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth & Detrick Law Firm and a part time prosecutor with the 14th Judicial Circuit Solicitor’s Office, but also the founder of Detrick’s Premier Car Wash that now has three locations; and

Whereas, he was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Hampton and had a deeply spiritual nature, serving the Lord devotedly and sharing his enthusiasm and faith in Jesus Christ with many who crossed his path; and

Whereas, during his seven‑year battle with cancer, Mr. Detrick’s faith grew yet stronger, and he remained, as he had always been, the rock of his family, focusing on his loved ones and making them, along with his relationship with the Lord, the center of his life; and

Whereas, he reared four remarkable children, Denise Broome, Genise Rabon, Darryl Detrick, and Derrick Detrick, and they blessed him with the love and adoration of eleven grandchildren: Travis Broome; Kelcey Brower; Brooke Broome; Christian Rabon; Olivia Rabon; Dylan Detrick; Ryan Detrick; Darryl Detrick, Jr.; Randy Grimm; Dillon Grimm; and Karissa Grimm. He also has a great‑granddaughter, Emma Broome; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Paul Detrick, a true son and gentleman of the Palmetto State, and for the example of kindness, strength, and faith he set for all who knew him. 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 John Paul Detrick of Hampton 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 presented to the family of John Paul Detrick.

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