**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF WOFFORD COLLEGE STUDENT‑ATHLETE JEREMIAH TATE OF COLUMBIA 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 untimely death of Wofford College student‑athlete Jeremiah Tate of Columbia on June 22, 2015, at the age of nineteen; and

Whereas, in the early morning of June 22, 2015, Jeremiah went for a swim with a friend. This rising junior, a member of the Wofford men’s basketball team, died at that time from drowning in Lake Wylie near Charlotte while serving as a counselor at YMCA Camp Thunderbird; and

Whereas, born August 6, 1995, in Heidelberg, Germany, to Frank and Carole Tate, Jeremiah was a graduate of Lower Richland High School. He served his school as president of the student body and was a member of the National Honor Society. He played basketball for three years for Lower Richland and was named an Academic All‑Star. He also ran hurdles in track, earning All‑Region and All‑District honors, and was All‑Region and All‑District in cross country, as well; and

Whereas, in his two years on the Wofford men’s basketball team, Jeremiah played in thirteen games. He was an accounting major, a Bonner Scholar, and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Pre‑Law Society. He had served on Campus Union. Recently, he was one of two hundred fifty‑one nominees for the Allstate Good Works Team; and

Whereas, Wofford Director of Athletics Richard Johnson, speaking for Jeremiah’s team members and the entire Wofford community, had this to say in praise of this outstanding young man: “The entire Wofford College family is devastated and saddened today by the loss of Jeremiah Tate. Jeremiah was such a dedicated, loved, and respected member of the men’s basketball team. He had a wonderful personality and had many friends on campus extending outside of the athletic department. Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences are with his family”; and

Whereas, Jeremiah Tate leaves to cherish his memory his beloved parents, Frank and Carole Tate, as well as a host of other relatives and friends, especially his fellow athletes and other classmates at Wofford. He truly will be missed. 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 death of Wofford College student‑athlete Jeremiah Tate of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Frank and Carole Tate for the family.

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