**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF JAMES JAMES “JL” LEVENTIS OF RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND 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 James James “JL” Leventis at the age of fifty‑five on April 13, 2017; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on February 10, 1962, JL was the son of Toula Prekezes Leventis and the late James Pete Leventis; and

Whereas, JL was a 1980 graduate of Brookland‑Cayce High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of South Carolina. In 1988, he finished his education with a degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, a loving father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend, JL practiced law for over thirty years in Columbia, and he was a partner in the Leventis and Ransom Law Firm. Prior to opening his own law firm in Columbia, JL was a law clerk for the late Honorable Sidney Floyd in Conway; and

Whereas, JL was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Additionally, he was an avid Gamecock fan and loved riding his bike in Fort Jackson and visiting with his mom; and

Whereas, a devoted father, JL was extremely proud of his three children, Sarah Glenn Leventis, James Pete Leventis, and Katie Hollis Leventis. The only thing more important to JL than enjoying his children’s participation in soccer, lacrosse, and Boy Scouts were his week‑long vacations with his children to places far away; and

Whereas, JL lived life to the fullest. With his hearty laughter, JL lit up every room he entered. He was always quick with a kind word or a compliment to anyone who was fortunate to have him in their life; and

Whereas, JL’s bellowing happy voice will be missed by all those who loved him; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of JL Leventis and for the example of sacrifice and kindness 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, remember and celebrate the life of James James “JL” Leventis of Richland 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 James James “JL” Leventis.

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