**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LORI CAULDER CROOKE OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the passing of Lori Caulder Crooke at the age of forty‑four on March 29, 2018; and

Whereas, Lori Crooke loved her family: her beloved husband, Shannon Crooke, and her two fine sons, Nelson and Logan Crooke. She devoted her life to her boys and was an avid fan of theirs, watching the various sports they played and enjoyed; and

Whereas, she was the daughter of Barrett and Deborah McIntyre Caulder, and she grew up with one brother, Justin Caulder. She shared the joy that her brother and his wife, Lyndsi, have in their daughters, her nieces Caroline and Charleston Caulder; and

Whereas, Mrs. Crooke was employed by Spartanburg County, where for many years she worked for Judge Roger Couch and, most recently, Judge Stephanie Nye; and

Whereas, one of her close friends has a farm with lemon trees that would never produce lemons. The day Mrs. Crooke told her friend of her diagnosis of breast cancer, her friend noticed baby lemons on the trees. Ten years ago when she learned that the baby lemons were seen about the time she was diagnosed, she decided to “make lemonade” because life had handed her the proverbial lemons; and

Whereas, Mrs. Crooke and her friend had charm bracelets with a lemon on them to remind herself and her friend of her determination to deal decisively with life and its adversities; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Lori Crooke and for the example of joy and devotion she set for her family and for all who knew 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 passing of Lori Caulder Crooke of Spartanburg County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lori Caulder Crooke.

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