**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MILTON ALFRED SMITH, SR., OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Milton Alfred Smith, Sr., of Spartanburg on September 21, 2018, at the venerable age of ninety‑three; and

Whereas, born the youngest of three brothers on May 27, 1925, he was a son of the late John Harley and Josie Amanda Kessler Smith of Gray Court; and

Whereas, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Smith enlisted September 24, 1943, at Camp Croft. He served in the Rhineland and Central European campaigns, at the Battle of the Bulge, and in Nuremberg for the trials of twenty‑two German war criminals. He obtained the rank of colonel and received the American Theater of War Medal, two Bronze Service Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves, from which he retired on May 27, 1985; and

Whereas, Milton was a 1949 graduate of Wofford College and a 1951 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law. He founded Johnson & Smith Law Firm with Edwin Johnson, served as part‑time 7th Circuit assistant solicitor, and was appointed chairman of the South Carolina Department of Corrections by Governor Carroll Campbell. For his labors on behalf of the people of this great State, he was granted South Carolina’s highest civilian service award, the Order of the Palmetto. He was also the father of former South Carolina House Speaker Pro Tem Doug Smith; and

Whereas, as a man of faith and an active member of First Baptist Church Spartanburg, he formerly served as chairman of the deacons and was co‑founder of the Rice Bowl Ministries; and

Whereas, Milton Smith leaves to cherish his memory his dear wife of sixty‑four years, Suzanne “Susie” Earnhardt Smith; son Milton A. “Chip” Smith, Jr., (Laura) and their children, Sarah E. Smith, Milton A. Smith III (Hannah), and Parrish Earnhardt Smith; son William Douglas Smith (Alison) and their daughters, Cameron McIver Smith and Anna Douglas Smith; son Stuart Lee Smith (Stephanie) and their sons, Ellis Lee Smith and Matthew Stuart Smith; and a host of other family members and loving friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing 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 Milton Alfred Smith, Sr., of Spartanburg and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Suzanne Smith for the family.

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