**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF PRESTON JACK DAVIS, JR., 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 Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Preston Jack Davis, Jr., affectionately known as “Lil Jack,” at the age of ninety‑four on Tuesday, February 14, 2017; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on January 7, 1923, to parents Preston Jack Davis, Sr., and Geneva Gray Davis, Preston was educated in the public schools of Richland County, and was a 1940 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School; and

Whereas, after graduation, Preston enrolled in Benedict College, majoring in theology. He was drafted into the United States Army and served in World War II. During his service, he protected the principles of freedom at the Battle of the Bulge and served in the 590th Ambulance Company, and on October 31, 1945, he received his Honorable Discharge. While in the armed services, he traveled to France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Austria; and

Whereas, upon returning to South Carolina, Preston helped his parents with their store in the Taylors community; and

Whereas, Preston was an umpire for the Sandlot Baseball Team. Additionally, he was employed with the William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center and Columbia Uniform Rental, from which he retired after many years of service; and

Whereas, left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of seventy‑four years Elissiteeve Reeves Davis; two sons, Preston Jack Davis, III, and Jerry B. Davis, both of Columbia; three daughters, Cynthia Davis, Elvetie Brown, and Theresa English, also of Columbia; three grandchildren he reared, Carvin Davis, Reverend Tia Davis Brannon, and Robyn Brown; and a host of grandchildren, great‑grandchildren, great‑great‑grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many other loving relatives and friends; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Mr. Preston Jack Davis, Jr., and for the example of sacrifice and kindness he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, remember and celebrate the life of Preston Jack Davis, Jr., 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 Preston Jack Davis, Jr.

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