**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF MAYOR PRO-TEM LEONARD DALE HARLEY, SR. AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mayor Pro‑Tem L. Dale Harley on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the age of seventy-six; and

Whereas, Mayor Pro‑Tem Harley was born in West Columbia to the late James “Alburn” and Leola Spires Harley. He graduated from Brookland‑Cayce High School; the University of South Carolina, with a Bachelor of Science in Banking and Finance; and the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of the Municipal Association of South Carolina. He also participated in the Leadership Training Institute of the National League of Cities in Washington, DC; and

Whereas, Mayor Pro-Tem Harley was a self‑employed businessman in West Columbia for over fifty years. He retired as a general contractor after thirty-five years in the building industry; and

Whereas, Mayor Pro‑Tem Harley was elected to West Columbia City Council in September 1993, representing Council District 1 for twenty-four years. He was a founding member of the West Columbia Beautification Foundation and was instrumental in the establishment of the West Columbia City Hall in 2004, the Riverwalk Park and Amphitheater in 2005, the City’s fountain, and the West Columbia welcome sign at the Gervais Street Bridge. He advocated for West Columbia’s growth through its businesses, the redevelopment of older properties, and annexation. A lifelong resident of West Columbia District 1, Mayor Pro-Tem Harley’s passion was for his community, and he was constantly working to serve its residents, from fighting tax increases to supporting the South Carolina Boys and Girls State scholarship programs; and

Whereas, the West Columbia City Council appointed Mayor Pro‑Tem Harley as the city’s representative to the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission. He served a total of twelve years on the Commission, four years of which he was Chairman. As Commission Chairman, he oversaw the expansion of the Commission’s water and sewer service into many unincorporated areas of Lexington County and advocated for low water and sewer rates; and

Whereas, Mayor Pro-Tem Harley also served two previous terms as Mayor Pro‑Tem during his tenure on City Council; and

Whereas, a longtime member of Platt Springs United Methodist Church, Mayor Pro-Tem Harley was involved with the youth group and Boy Scouts. He was a family man who loved spending time with his family, friends, and pets; and

Whereas, Mayor Pro-Tem Harley was preceded in death by his sisters, Frances Maxine Hamilton and Dorothy Joyce Faulling; and

Whereas, Mayor Pro‑Tem Harley leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of fifty-five years, Sandy; daughters, Lynn (Jim) Asbill and Kim (Kim) Harley; son, Lee (Erika) Harley; two grandchildren, Nathan and Auburn; sisters, Sarah (Bill) Geddings and Jean Threatt; brother, James Mello (Sherrell) Harley; and many nieces and nephews. He 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 passing of Mayor Pro-Tem Leonard Dale Harley, Sr. and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Sandy Harley.

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