**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPON THE DEATH OF ERNEST SURGINER, SR., OF RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS MANY FRIENDS AND HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to hear that Ernest Surginer, Sr., affectionately known as “Baby Ruth” or “Babe,” passed from our presence into eternity on July 7, 2009, at the age of eighty; and

Whereas, born in Columbia to Florence Singleton and the late Mitchell Ernest Surginer on May 22, 1929, he was educated in public schools in Richland County and joined the United States Army after he completed school, serving his country with pride; and

Whereas, in 1945, he married his beloved Dorothy Mae Brannon, and together they reared seven fine children, who blessed them with a host of adoring grandchildren, great‑grandchildren, and great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, his employment in state government spanned over forty years of service before his retirement in 1992, and he was well known for his work ethic, outgoing personality, and integrity; and

Whereas, he was a member of Sidney Park Christian Methodist Episcopal Church from an early age and was a longtime, active, and dedicated member of the steward board in that church; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Ernest Surginer, Sr., who gave unselfishly of himself to family members and friends and was a model of kindness, enthusiasm, and forgiveness. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their sincere sorrow upon the death of Ernest Surginer, Sr., of Richland County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his many friends and his large and loving family.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Ernest Surginer, Sr.

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