**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH “BETTY” EMERSON RIDDLE AND TO EXTEND TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth “Betty” Emerson Riddle on October 20, 2008; and

Whereas, the treasured daughter of Sophie Cobb Emerson and Guy Barmore Emerson, she shared a loving marriage with her late husband, Jack D. Riddle; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Hodges, she served as the town clerk and secretary and was involved in every community celebration, including her favorite, the Christmas Singing at the Gazebo; and

Whereas, a 1949 graduate of Lander College, Mrs. Riddle shaped young minds and positively influenced countless lives as an English and Latin teacher in the Greenwood County School District; and

Whereas, an integral part of her students’ lives, she served as secretary of the school’s athletic department, helped with the school yearbook, and continued to maintain a close relationship with many of her students long after their graduation; and

Whereas, upon her retirement from teaching, Mrs. Riddle became a valued employee of the Gatewood Racquet Club, where she learned everything about the game of tennis and was a cherished friend of the club’s members; and

Whereas, Mrs. Riddle served on the Board of Directors of Cokesbury College and was also an active leader in the Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Hodges Cemetery Association; and

Whereas, an experienced world traveler, she joined Dr. Joseph P. Stukes every summer to lead a group on learning expeditions to locations in Eastern and Western Europe, the British Isles, Scandanavia, and Russia; and

Whereas, devoted to her faith and to her beloved Hodges Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Riddle served as an elder, deacon, and secretary/treasurer. She was also a choir member, Sunday school teacher, and an active member of Presbyterian Women and Trinity Presbytery; and

Whereas, a staunch democrat and Clemson Tiger football fan, she loved to reconnect with friends at football games and was delighted to meet Clemson’s William “Fridge” Perry while in England on one of her overseas excursions; and

Whereas, an iconic figure in so many lives, Mrs. Riddle is remembered as a loving mother, mother‑in‑law, grandmother, great‑grandmother, hostess, mentor, confidant, teacher, companion, and friend; and

Whereas, though she is sorely missed, her light lives on in the lives of her son, granddaughter, great‑grandchildren, and in incalculable others whom she touched with her life and love. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Elizabeth “Betty” Emerson Riddle and extend to her family and many friends the deepest sympathy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Riddle’s son, James “Butch” Emerson Riddle.

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