**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LEON MELVIN, OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY, 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 Leon Melvin, of Williamsburg County, on December 28, 2008; and

Whereas, Leon Melvin, born in Georgetown County on April 27, 1933, to Steven and Tina Melvin, was employed for more than thirty years with Wellman Industries, Incorporated. After his retirement in 1999, he kept busy by working part‑time for Williamsburg County while continuing to engage in his favorite home pastime, gardening. Producing rows of vegetables each year, he generously shared the bounty of his harvest with family and friends. In the community, he was a faithful member of Hopewell AME Church and a member of Chavis Masonic Order #446; and

Whereas, married to the former Mabel Patricia Greene since 1954, he shared with her fifty‑four years of happiness and contentment, the Lord blessing their union with twelve children; and

Whereas, in addition to his beloved wife, he leaves sons and daughters Easter Williams, Shirlean Singletary, Carolyn Hazelton, Doretta Brewington, Edward L. Melvin, E.J. Melvin, Myrtle Ann Hubbard, Penny Jenkins, Barbara Wright, Lenora A. Harrison, Angela LaRita Melvin‑Dixon, and an adopted daughter, Marcia Miller, with son Lavern having preceded him in death. He also leaves twenty‑six grandchildren, as well as a host of great‑grandchildren, other relatives, and friends; and

Whereas, his memory will be cherished by all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed. 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 Leon Melvin, of Williamsburg County, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Mabel Melvin for the family.

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