**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH EDWARD “JOE” ATKINSON, JR., OF ST. CHARLES 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 Joseph Edward “Joe” Atkinson, Jr., of St. Charles on June 9, 2009, at the venerable age of eighty; and

Whereas, a son of Joseph Edward Atkinson, Sr., and Mary Brabham Atkinson, Mr. Atkinson resided in the St. Charles area of Lee County for more than sixty years, where he pursued cotton farming and ginning; and

Whereas, he was a lifetime member of Elliott Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon; and

Whereas, preceded in death by a son, Richard Norman Atkinson, he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Betty Shepard Atkinson; sons Charles Wade Atkinson, Joseph Edward Atkinson III, and David Shepard Atkinson; daughter Ann Atkinson Cooper; eleven grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends. 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 Joseph Edward “Joe” Atkinson, Jr., of St. Charles 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. Betty Shepard Atkinson for the family.

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