**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPON THE DEATH OF CATHERINE EUGENIA “JEAN” FINNEGAN BIDEN OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER SON, VICE PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN, AND TO THE REST OF HER FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Catherine Eugenia “Jean” Finnegan Biden, the mother of Vice President Joseph Biden; and

Whereas, the daughter of the late Ambrose J. Finnegan and the former Geraldine C. Blewitt of Scranton, Pennsylvania, Jean Finnegan was born on July 17, 1917; and

Whereas, in 1941, she married her beloved Joseph Robinette Biden and together they had a large, loving family and were married for sixty-one years until his death in 2002; and

Whereas, before her death at the age of ninety-two, Mrs. Biden was the center of her family, and she taught those family members to treasure one another; and

Whereas, her lifelong training of her children and grandchildren to be loyal and faithful, to find dignity in hard work and to define themselves by a sense of honor has guided them through the difficult times in life; and

Whereas, her immeasurable strength which sustained her family will doubtless live on in her children and grandchildren to pass to succeeding generations; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives wish to convey their profound sadness at the loss of Mrs. Catherine Eugenia Finnegan Biden and extend their condolences to Vice President Joseph Biden. 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 sincere sorrow upon the death of Catherine Eugenia “Jean” Finnegan Biden of Wilmington, Delaware, and extend their deepest sympathy to her son, Vice President Joseph Biden, and to the rest of her family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Vice President Joseph Biden.

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