**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 JAMES DOW HARRELSON OF SUMTER COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS MANY FRIENDS AND HIS LOVING FAMILY MEMBERS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to hear of the passing of World War II hero and beloved Sumter businessman James Dow Harrelson on January 5, 2010, at the age of ninety; and

Whereas, born in Oswego to the late Dow and Mary Cummings Harrelson on April 28, 1919, he moved with the family to Columbia and graduated from Columbia High School before attending the University of South Carolina, where he successfully balanced work with academics and athletics and managed to letter in boxing; and

Whereas, while he was earning his wings with the United States Army Air Corps at Shaw Field, he courted Alice Harby Moore, whom he married in May 1943, only weeks before shipping out to begin flying fighters out of North Africa; and

Whereas, within a few months he was wounded when his plane was shot down over northern Italy, and he spent the next seventeen months as a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft 1, a German prison camp; and

Whereas, after the war he spent a brief period flying fighters around the United States before he returned to Sumter and began his career with Sumter Laundry and Dry Cleaners, which he owned and operated for more than sixty years; and

Whereas, he was a devoted family man to his wife and their loving children, who blessed them with seven adoring grandchildren and one great‑granddaughter; and

Whereas, he faithfully served his community on the Sumter City Council and on the boards of the YMCA, Toumey Hospital, and First Federal Savings and Loan; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of James Dow Harrelson, a man of few words who inspired people with his positive attitude and keen sense of humor and, most importantly, by the way he lived. 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 James Dow Harrelson of Sumter County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his many friends and his loving family members.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Alice Harrelson.

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