**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF NATHANIEL ROSS PHILLIPS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY, HIS CAREGIVERS, AND HIS MANY FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Nathaniel Ross Phillips on February 3, 2010; and

Whereas, born in Lexington on February 12, 1998, Nathan was the son of Alison and Sam Phillips and the grandson of Jenny and Bill Ross; and

Whereas, Nathan’s very survival at birth was a miracle, and although he spent most of his life in a wheelchair and endured one surgery after another and one hospital visit after another, he never complained or wavered; and

Whereas, forever patient and enduring through pain and discomfort, he could not see, walk, or talk, but his infectious smile and determination were an inspiration to all who met him; and

Whereas, even though Nathan left this life at an early age, his significant impact on the lives of everyone who knew him will be forever cherished and remembered as a blessing; and

Whereas, he was a member of Mount Horeb United Methodist Church, and while he was very active in the church’s Special Needs Ministry, he was as much a blessing to the ministry as it was to him; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are grateful that Lexington was blessed with this angel and hero, and they hope for his loved ones to cherish the words of the sweet Psalmist of Israel, “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the untimely passing of Nathaniel Ross Phillips of Lexington County, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family, his caregivers, and his many friends and admirers.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his parents Alison and Sam Phillips and his grandparents Jenny and Bill Ross.

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