**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 BALDWIN BROWN, JR., AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND TO HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sumter native and dedicated businessman James Baldwin Brown, Jr., on February 23, 2010; and

Whereas, born in Sumter County on December 14, 1929, Mr. Brown was the son of the late Annie Hatfield Brown and James Baldwin Brown, Sr.; and

Whereas, in 1949, he graduated from Edmunds High School, where he exhibited his leadership skills early as a class officer every year of high school; and

Whereas, Mr. Brown married his beloved Grace Elizabeth Alexander, and together they raised three fine children, Kenneth DeWayne Brown, Sherry Brown Glidewell, and Alicia Brown Thomas, who blessed them with seven adoring grandchildren and eight great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, in 1959, he established Appliance and Television Center, Incorporated, and Browning Hall Furniture in downtown Sumter; and

Whereas, an enthusiastic civic leader, Mr. Brown served as president of the Merchants Association several times and as chairman of the Salvation Army during which time he led the building fund for the youth center in Sumter; and

Whereas, he served on the restorative committee of downtown Sumter, the committee to establish Habitat for Humanity, the committee for the Croswell Children’s Home, and the committee for the Sumter Shelter; and

Whereas, Mr. Brown was a member of the Sumter Rotary Club and First Presbyterian Church of Sumter, serving for years as the Sunday school superintendent for the junior department and leading the Sunday school music program; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for the lasting legacy of this native son of South Carolina, whose life has enriched so many in his community and State. 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 sincere sorrow upon the death of James Baldwin Brown, Jr., and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and to his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Grace Elizabeth Alexander Brown.

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