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**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE MARY KATHERINE “KITTY” BRUNSON HERBERT OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Mary Katherine “Kitty” Brunson Herbert of Sumter County on February 3, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late I.W., Sr., and Eleanor Robinson Brunson. She attended Anderson College and graduated from the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada; and

Whereas, even after illness and a kidney transplant in 1998, she attended classes with due diligence, always doing her job to the best of her ability; and

Whereas, in pursuit of her career, in 1973 Kitty Herbert went to work for Chief Magistrate O. Lang Hogon as his assistant. In June 1979, she was appointed by the Governor as the first female magistrate in South Carolina. After Judge Hogon’s retirement, she was appointed chief magistrate; and

Whereas, she served Sumter County as chief magistrate until the late 1990’s, while also serving as the city summary court judge, during which tenure she established Sumter’s first “night court” sessions. She retired as a magistrate in April of 2002. At that time, Judge Herbert was honored for her service by the Sumter Bar Association and was granted the Order of the Silver Crescent by Governor Jim Hodges for her work in Sumter County. Other honors include Social Justice Consortium‑Woman of Excellence and YWCA Twin Honoree Tribute to Women in Industry; and

Whereas, she spent many years on the bench in Sumter County, always acting in good faith. She loved the people of Sumter County and was dedicated to helping those who wanted to help themselves; and

Whereas, in addition, Kitty Herbert served as secretary/treasurer of Brunson Farms LLC for twenty‑five years, as well as bookkeeper of her husband’s fire extinguisher business. She was a devoted wife, mother, “Meema,” and public servant; and

Whereas, the first female member of the Sumter Palmetto Rotary Club, Kitty Herbert was also a member of The Forum‑A Women’s Civic Awareness organization and the South Carolina Magistrates Association. As a woman of faith, she served her God at Sumter First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory her husband of forty‑five years, William G. Herbert; two daughters, Melissa Herbert Lynch and Rebecca Gayle Barwick; five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. She will be 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 death of the Honorable Mary Katherine “Kitty” Brunson Herbert of Sumter County and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to William G. Herbert for the family.

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