**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF GEORGE EARLE CAMPSEN, JR., OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, 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 former state Representative George Earle Campsen, Jr., on December 14, 2010, at the age of eighty‑one; and

Whereas, George Campsen was born in Charleston on July 11, 1929, and in 1951 graduated from The Citadel, where he served as the captain of the boxing team, a member of the rifle team, and the executive officer of Golf Company; and

Whereas, upon graduation, he served with distinction as an officer in the Air Force during the Korean War and then graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1955; and

Whereas, the same year, he married his beloved Myrtle Smith Campsen, and together they reared four fine children: George E. “Chip” Campsen III, a member of the Senate with whom we in the General Assembly proudly serve; Richard Campsen; Cyndi Campsen Mosteller; and Terrye Campsen Seckinger; and

Whereas, a powerful story teller and a persuasive trial lawyer, George Campsen practiced law on Broad Street in Charleston for forty years, specializing in civil litigation as a passionate and effective advocate for his clients; and

Whereas, in 1958, he began serving as a representative in the South Carolina House of Representatives and served for three consecutive terms until 1964; and

Whereas, during the ninety‑fourth session of the South Carolina General Assembly, Representative Campsen authored more bills that became law than any other member of the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, in 1961, he founded and served as president of Fort Sumter Tours, Inc., a thriving business which transports visitors to Fort Sumter National Monument where the Civil War began, and he later founded SpiritLine Cruises, LLC, which operates dinner cruises, harbor tours, and charter vessels in Charleston Harbor; and

Whereas, tirelessly devoted to his community, George Campsen served as the chairman of the board of directors and charter member of the Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau, as vice president on the board of directors of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce as well as the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and as a board member of numerous other organizations; and

Whereas, an avid outdoorsman, he served as a volunteer Department of Natural Resources officer and on the board of directors of the National Park Hospitality Association; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the lasting and noble legacy that George Earle Campsen, Jr., has left to our State and to those who knew and loved this remarkable gentleman and son of South Carolina. 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 George Earle Campsen, Jr., of Charleston County, 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 presented to the family of George Campsen, Jr.

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