**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF STEVE CATOE OF KERSHAW COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Steve Catoe at his home in Bethune on November 28, 2010, at the age of forty‑four; and

Whereas, born in Bethune, Steve Catoe was the son of Ken and Jo C. Catoe and a graduate of the former Baptist College at Charleston, now Charleston Southern University; and

Whereas, he was an active member of Harmony Baptist Church in Bethune where he served as church historian and clerk, and he also served for many years as the historian of the Kershaw County Baptist Association; and

Whereas, he volunteered for a number of years as a tour guide for the Cotton Museum in Bishopville, but his most profound service was to the parents of children who suffered from congenital heart defects like his own; and

Whereas, as the oldest living individual with congenital heart disease, he actively participated in the Adult Congenital Heart Association and travelled the country speaking comfort to parents and lobbying Congress and the Legislature on behalf of the association; and

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives pause in their deliberations to remember and honor the life of Steve Catoe and express their gratitude for the work of this excellent 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 deepest sympathy upon the death of Steve Catoe of Kershaw County, and extend their sincere sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Steve Catoe.

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