**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DEACON STEPHEN FRAZIER, JR., OF JASPER COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina were saddened to learn of the death of Deacon Stephen Frazier, Jr., at the age of seventy‑eight on July 11, 2011; and

Whereas, on August 11, 1932, Deacon Frazier was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Frazier, the ninth of ten children, and grew up working on the family’s farm; and

Whereas, he attended the historic Robertville Elementary, Junior High, and High schools, and graduated as valedictorian from both his junior and high school; and in 1951, he joined the United States Navy, serving as a dental technician; and

Whereas, after he was honorably discharged in 1956, he entered South Carolina State University and graduated in 1960 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Gladys, in December 1960, and together they reared three fine children, who blessed them with one adoring granddaughter; and

Whereas, shortly after he was installed as a deacon in Bethel Baptist Church in Pineland, the couple moved to New York where he continued to minister as a deacon in Metropolitan Baptist Church. Over the years he served the church as a trustee, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the male chorus, church clerk, and even an assistant to Rev. C. S. Stamps on the radio broadcast; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy left by Deacon Stephen Frazier, Jr., and for the example of dedicated service, love, and caring he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Deacon Stephen Frazier, Jr., of Jasper County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Deacon Stephen Frazier, Jr.

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