**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. LILLIE STATE SMITH OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Lillie State Smith at the age of ninety-seven on February 19, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Lake City on September 16, 1914, she was the daughter of Hughie and Allean McClam State and received her formal education in the public schools of Florence County; and

Whereas, Lillie Smith accepted Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior she joined Old West Church where she sang in the choir, and later became a member of St. Mark Holiness Church of Lake City; and

Whereas, a servant of God who lovingly cared for her neighbors, she fed many in the community during their time of need and gave of herself to lend a hand to many of them in whatever way she could; and

Whereas, a farmer the majority of her life, she met and married her beloved husband, the late Raymond Smith, in 1937; and

Whereas, together they reared nine admirable children who blessed them with twenty‑seven adoring grandchildren, forty‑one great‑grandchildren, eleven great-great‑grandchildren, and one great-great-great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, in the words of the Apostle Paul, Lillie Smith fought the good fight, she finished her course, and she kept the faith; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Mrs. Lillie State Smith and for the example of sacrifice and kindness she set for all who knew her. 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 passing of Mrs. Lillie State Smith of Williamsburg County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Mrs. Lillie State Smith.

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