**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF NORRIS RANDOLPH “RANDY” SCOTT OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Norris Randolph “Randy” Scott of Columbia on January 7, 2012, at the age of fifty‑four; and

Whereas, born in Wilmington, North Carolina, on February 1, 1957, Randy was a son of Olin Craig Scott and Nancy Norris Scott; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, he completed his secondary education at Airport High School and graduated from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, considering public accounting one of the world’s finest professions, Randy started Scott and Company LLP in 1995. Having previously been with two of the “Big 4” accounting firms, he conceived the idea of starting a firm that offers the quality of service of the larger accounting firms at lower rates. With the help of his partners, Randy pursued this vision. Together they built one of the premier accounting firms in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Randy Scott believed in active involvement in his community, and he regularly lived out that commitment. Dianne Chinnes, former president/CEO of Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina, said Randy was one of her most caring and giving volunteers, serving as board member, auditor, advisor, contributor, classroom consultant, supporter, and friend to Junior Achievement; and

Whereas, his legacy also will be remembered by the young men who grow up involved in the Boy Scouts of America. Randy led the Indian Waters Council through difficult financial times while serving as council president, helping raise more than one million dollars in cash and gifts in kind. In addition, he led the successful effort to reopen Camp Barstow for summer camp after it had been closed for three years. His tireless work on behalf of scouting earned him the 2007 Silver Beaver Award for outstanding service; and

Whereas, further, Randy served on the following boards and committees: the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Richland County Sheriff’s Foundation, Inc., USC Friends of Accounting, Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of Columbia, Keep America Beautiful, and the Columbia Urban Lending Project. In 2004, he won the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants Public Service Award; and

Whereas, those who knew Randy best knew his greatest passion was his family. Randy was married to his beloved wife, Kathy, for nineteen years and was the proud father of three adult sons, Dale, Brian, and Jay. Also, Randy recently had become a grandfather to Grady and Caroline, whose births Randy would have described as the two greatest events of his life; and

Whereas, in addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, Randy Scott is survived by his mother; a brother, Craig; and three sisters, Lisa, Carol, and Tina, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and

Whereas, when Columbia lost Randy Scott, it lost more than a proficient accountant, an exemplary family man, a successful entrepreneur, and a charitable community servant; the community lost a rare and gentle soul. That big smile, warm greeting, and genuine concern for others will be remembered by all whose lives he touched. He will be greatly 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 Norris Randolph “Randy” Scott of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Kathy Scott and family.

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