**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF THE REVEREND JAMES WILLIAM HOWARD OF ORANGEBURG 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 the Reverend James William Howard of Orangeburg on February 10, 2012; and

Whereas, born the son of Leon Mott and Martha B. Howard, James William Howard was a native of McClellanville and was educated in the District of Columbia and Orangeburg public school systems; and

Whereas, upon graduation from Wilkinson High School, the young “Sugar Bear,” as he was affectionately known, served in the United States Army for three years, after which he returned to Orangeburg and entered Claflin College. Having graduated *cum laude* from that institution with a bachelor’s degree in social studies, he later received a master’s degree in education from South Carolina State College. Further studies followed at the University of South Carolina, the College of Charleston, Clemson, and Cornell University; and

Whereas, after thirty‑one years of service as an educator, James William Howard retired from Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5 (OCSD 5) with numerous accolades. During his years with OCSD 5, Mr. Howard served as director of operations, principal, assistant principal, social studies and adult education teacher, and football coach. Upon his retirement, he worked as a teacher and test coordinator with the office of Orangeburg County Adult Education at Orangeburg‑Calhoun Technical College; and

Whereas, he was a former member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, South Carolina Association of School Administrators, South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association, and National Education Association. A lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, he also formerly worked with the Orangeburg Area Boys & Girls Club and the NAACP; and

Whereas, James William Howard, a member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church for more than fifty years, was ordained in 2007 and was a deacon of his church. Over the years, Reverend Howard served his God through the Archdiocese of South Carolina and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Men’s Fellowship and was a senior warden, lay Eucharistic minister, vestry member, Sunday School teacher, and acolyte; and

Whereas, in 1963, he was united in holy matrimony to the former Barbara Ann Holmes of Kingstree, God blessing their union with a fine family of four children; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of forty‑eight years, Mrs. Barbara Holmes Howard; two sons, James and Jon; two daughters, Beth and Brooke; five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be 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 the Reverend James William Howard of Orangeburg 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. Barbara Holmes Howard for the family.

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