**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF DR. CHARLES SCHLEY AIMAR, SR., OF BEAUFORT 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 Dr. Charles Schley Aimar, Sr., of Beaufort on June 7, 2012, at the venerable age of eighty‑seven; and

Whereas, born the son of Eugenie Vivian Toomer and William Washington Aimar, Charles Schley Aimar entered this world on November 12, 1924, in Savannah, Georgia; and

Whereas, the young Charles attended Clemson College, leaving to join the United States Marine Corps during World War II and serving with the Fifth Marine Division. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the first wave of assault on Iwo Jima, was a China Marine, and served during the occupation of Japan. After his honorable discharge from the service, he completed his degree at the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy; and

Whereas, in 1951, he returned to Beaufort to open Aimar’s Pharmacy, where he continued to practice until 2008; and

Whereas, strongly believing in active community involvement, Dr. Aimar was a member of many organizations, including the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, South Carolina Coastal Council Board, City of Beaufort Board of Architectural Review, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Jean Ribaut Society, Sertoma Club, Beaufort Rotary Club, and South Carolina Historical Society. He was also an officer of the Thomas Heyward Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and a cofounder of the Heritage Society of Beaufort, Beaufort County Republican Party, and Beaufort Academy, as well as a trustee of Beaufort College and Beaufort Memorial Hospital; and

Whereas, in addition, he was a member of the Beaufort Volunteer Fire Department, former president of the South Carolina Independent School Association, and former member of Beaufort City Council. He was twice president of the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce and was a former president of the South Atlantic Yacht Racing Association; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Dr. Aimar was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort, where he served as elder, deacon, and Sunday School teacher. This true servant of the Lord also served as trustee for Stoney Creek Independent Presbyterian Chapel of Prince William Parish. At the time of his death, he was attending the Parish Church of St. Helena; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Sarah Jeanne Sams Aimar; his children, Jeanne Aimar Rogers, Priscilla Aimar Trask, Pamela Aimar Kinsey, Amelie Aimar Cromer, and Charles Schley Aimar, Jr.; eleven grandchildren; six great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Dr. Aimar was devoted to the Beaufort community, his family, and his friends and will be greatly missed by all who had the high privilege of knowing him. 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 Dr. Charles Schley Aimar, Sr., of Beaufort 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. Sarah Jeanne Sams Aimar for the family.

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