**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM DOW WELSH OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of William Dow Welsh at the age of twenty‑six on Monday, June 11, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Sumter, the son of Steven W. Welsh and Cindy Bramlett Welsh, William “Porkchop” Welsh was a graduate of Robert E. Lee Academy and Clemson University; and

Whereas, after graduating from his beloved Clemson University, Mr. Welsh returned to his roots in Lee County and engaged in farming with his father at Dog Island Farms, Inc., where he also served as secretary/treasurer. Although a relatively young farmer, Mr. Welsh won recognition for the productivity of his crops and achieved prominence among peanut farmers in the Palmetto State, serving as secretary/treasurer of the South Carolina Peanut Growers Association; and

Whereas, Mr. Welsh was a devoted member of Bishopville Presbyterian Church, where he served as vice chairman of Presbyterian Men, and was an active member of the Lee County Young Farmers Association; and

Whereas, he is survived by his parents and his paternal grandmother, Lila Mae P. Welsh, all of Bishopville; sisters MaryAnna Welsh of Clemson and Kerry Welsh Frazier, and her husband, Steven, of Elgin, nephew Wyatt Frazier, and a special friend, Sarah Sprott. They, along with his many friends, will deeply miss Mr. Welsh; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of William Dow Welsh and for the example of service and kindness he set for all who knew him, and are anguished to learn of his untimely and tragic passing. 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 William Dow Welsh of Sumter 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 William Dow Welsh.

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