**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF JUDY STRICKLAND SMOAK OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Judy Strickland Smoak of Lexington County on March 4, 2011; and

Whereas, born September 7, 1947, in Walterboro, Judy Strickland Smoak was a daughter of the late James Searson and Virginia Shaw Strickland; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work, she studied at the University of South Carolina, graduating with a degree in accounting in 1969; and

Whereas, following graduation, she began working for the South Carolina State Department of Education in its accounting division. Deciding to make her career in South Carolina state government, in 1977 she accepted a post in the comptroller general’s office and rose through the ranks over the years to the position of assistant comptroller general. At retirement, she had served the State of South Carolina with dedication and distinction for nearly forty‑two years; and

Whereas, married to the late Ervin “Smoky” Smoak, Judy and her husband lovingly raised a fine son, Jeffrey B. Smoak of Columbia, who, with his wife, Laura, has given his parents the joy of two grandchildren, Tucker and Miller Ayn; and

Whereas, when not at work, Judy Smoak loved spending time with her grandchildren, reading, baking, and working in the yard. She was affectionately known as “JuJu” to Tucker and Miller Ayn and her family and friends; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory her son and his family, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Judy Strickland Smoak of Lexington County, and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jeffrey B. Smoak for the family.

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