**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF ZACK JEFFERSON WESTON OF COLUMBIA, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Zack Jefferson Weston of Columbia on April 2, 2011; and

Whereas, born November 27, 1924, Zack Jefferson Weston was the oldest son of Wilbert and Ida Taylor Weston. After graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, he attended Benedict College for a year before leaving to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. Upon his return from military service, he resumed his studies and earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1949 from Lincoln University in Missouri; and

Whereas, having completed his undergraduate studies, he worked for two of the nation’s largest black newspapers, serving as a reporter for the *Kansas City Call* and as a staff writer for the *Chicago Defender*. Years later, he worked for the Associated Negro Press, for which he wrote articles that appeared in black media across America; and

Whereas, in 1957, Zack Weston returned to Columbia, where he served as director of public information at Benedict College until his retirement in 1990; and

Whereas, after retirement, he took up the posts of coordinator of the South Carolina Baptist Partnership with Kenya and East Africa and part‑time director of public relations at Morris College in Sumter; and

Whereas, believing strongly that a man should be actively involved in his community, Zack Weston was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, the Baptist Educational & Missionary Convention of South Carolina, 100 Black Men of South Carolina, Columbia Urban League (past board president), NAACP, and United Black Fund of the Midlands, among other organizations. In addition, he was a chairman of the South Carolina Merit System Council and vice chairman of the City of Columbia Zoning Board of Readjustment and of the Opportunities Industrialization Center of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he was honored and recognized as a founding father of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Benedict College and as an outstanding member of the Lexington‑Richland County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council; and

Whereas, having been predeceased by his wife, Barbara Byrd Weston, and a son, Bryan B. Weston, he leaves to cherish his memory son Byron F. Weston and daughters Karen W. Chapman, Ida L. Weston, Violetta W. Weir, and Vernetta W. Simuel; ten grandchildren; two great‑grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be 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 Zack Jefferson Weston 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 Byron F. Weston for the family.

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