**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF DIANNA KELLY JENNINGS OF RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Dianna Kelly Jennings at the age of sixty‑nine on March 8, 2014; and

Whereas, born on October 29, 1944, Dianne Kelly was the daughter of the late James Arthur and Vera McBeth Kelly, and she was educated in the public schools of Columbia, graduating from C. A. Johnson High School in 1962; and

Whereas, at an early age, she accepted Christ into her life and united with Jones Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Later she joined Oak Grove Baptist Church where she devoted herself to numerous responsibilities, including service on Pulpit Aide and Gospel Choir and as the church treasurer and a trustee. After that, she became a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church where she served on several auxiliaries; and

Whereas, she earned two associate degrees from Midlands Technical College, one in political science and the other in criminal justice; and

Whereas, for over twenty‑five years, Mrs. Jennings served the City of Columbia, retiring as a municipal court bailiff in 2005, and then she served as a security officer with the Office of Homeland Security from which she retired again in 2009; and

Whereas, Dianna Jennings reared three fine children: Donnell, Dawn, and Dellisa. They blessed her with eight beloved grandchildren: D’Shea, Durrell, Donisha, Cameron, Taylor, Alicia, Zariya, and Ar’mon. She also had the joy of three great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, with a love of life, she enjoyed traveling, line dancing, reading, skating, gardening, and playing pokeno; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Dianna Jennings and for the example of service and kindness she set for all who knew her. 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 Dianna Jennings of Richland County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Dianna Jennings.

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