**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF JUANITA COLEMAN MCFARLAND OF HARTSVILLE 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 passing of Juanita Coleman McFarland on April 11, 2014; and

Whereas, Mrs. McFarland was born on November 10, 1939 in Society Hill, South Carolina, the daughter of Cary and Jane Gaskin Coleman, the second eldest of nine children. She was baptized early in life and lived a life that she thought was pleasing to God Almighty. Mrs. McFarland was educated in the public schools of Darlington County. After graduating as valedictorian from Rosenwald High School in 1957, she moved to New York City for work where she met her husband, David McFarland, from Hartsville, who had moved to Pennsylvania after leaving the U.S. Air Force in 1960. The couple married on June 29, 1962 and were blessed by this union for over fifty‑one years. This union produced three children, Davita McFarland Malloy, Derrick McFarland, and David McFarland, III; and

Whereas, the couple moved to Washington, DC in 1967 where Mrs. McFarland attended the University of the District of Columbia. In 1973, Mr. and Mrs. McFarland moved back to Hartsville, South Carolina where Mrs. McFarland began work in the Darlington County School District at Butler High School. After her move back to Hartsville, Mrs. McFarland graduated from Coker College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and later graduated from Francis Marion University with a Master of Arts degree in Education. She went to work at Hartsville High School as a guidance counselor in 1978 and worked there until her retirement in 2003; and

Whereas, in addition to her job with the school district, she gave many hours back to her community through her involvement as a board member of the YMCA of the Upper Pee Dee and the Darlington County Library Board. She was also active in her home church, Jerusalem Baptist Church as a deaconess. She served on the budget committee and as superintendant of the Sunday School program at Jerusalem Baptist Church. She started the Jerusalem Book Club and the Rosenwald Scholarship Fund. Mrs. McFarland was also a member of the Chi Lambda Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, Mrs. McFarland is the mother in law of Senator Gerald Malloy. She worked tirelessly for his election and engaged in all aspects of his service in his district; and

Whereas, Mrs. McFarland was a classic problem‑solver and guidance counselor, solving everyone’s problems and planning their careers. She loved family reunions and stayed very close to her family. She started weekly prayer conference calls among family members. The love of her life was her children and her grandchildren. She leaves a wonderful legacy in South Carolina through her children and grandchildren and all who knew her; and

Whereas, services to remember Mrs. McFarland will be held Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Hartsville. Mrs. McFarland will be entombed at Darlington Memorial Gardens; and

Whereas, Mrs. McFarland leaves behind many loving friends and family members, including her loving husband, David McFarland, Jr. of Hartsville; her children, Senator Gerald and Davita Malloy of Hartsville; Derrick and Lorraine McFarland of Lexington; and David McFarland, III of Irmo; four grandchildren, Gerald D. Malloy, Jonathan D. Malloy, Jordan M. Malloy and Morgan D. Malloy; siblings, Ms. Doris Whitelocke of Flushing, New York, Mr. Albert Coleman of Society Hill, Ms. Sylvia Jeffers of Burtonville, Maryland, Mr. Leroy Coleman of Suitland, Maryland, Mr. Matthew and Vivian Coleman of Louisburg, North Carolina, and Ms. Marilyn Coleman of Burtonsville, Maryland; four aunts, Ms. Juanita Tyler of Baltimore, Maryland, Mrs. Willie Rose Snipes of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Mrs. Inez Johnson of Society Hill, and Mrs. Marie Swinney of Society Hill; one uncle, Mr. James and Dorothy Coleman of Baltimore, Maryland, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in‑laws. She will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, express the profound sympathy of the members of the South Carolina Senate upon the passing of Juanita Coleman McFarland of Hartsville and to extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Juanita Coleman McFarland.

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