**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF RON NACHMAN, FOUNDER AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ARIEL, ISRAEL, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Ron Nachman, founder and longtime mayor of the City of Ariel, Israel, on January 18, 2013; and

Whereas, born in 1942, Ron Nachman in 1978 was elected head of the Ariel Council, a role he gave up a year later. He was reelected in 1985 and served as the Samaritan city’s mayor for nearly three decades until his death; and

Whereas, he served on behalf of the Likud party as a member of the 13th Knesset and was a member of the Knesset’s Constitution, Law and Justice Committee; Immigration Absorption Committee; and the committee on the Second Television and Radio Authority; and

Whereas, a devout patriot of his country, Mayor Nachman fought for the recognition of Ariel College as a full‑fledged university and saw his vision for the institution realized not long before his death; and

Whereas, Education Minister Gideon Sa’ar eulogized Mayor Nachman, saying, “Ron was a pioneer with a huge strength of vision and faith. In the power of his vision and special leadership, he built Ariel... . Very few people have the privilege of leaving their mark, as Ron did, through a life’s enterprise which remains standing even after they are gone”; and

Whereas, expressing sorrow over Mayor Nachman’s death, the Shomron Regional Council said, “The people of Samaria, the Shomron Regional Council, and the State of Israel mourn the passing of Ron Nachman, the founder and builder of the city of Ariel. Ron Nachman was one of the greatest builders of Israel and with his own hands built a city in the heart of Samaria. In tears we undertake to continue his life’s work...”; and

Whereas, the people of the Palmetto State also grieve for this friend of South Carolina, who worked tirelessly for the welfare of his city and watched it grow from a barren hill in the Jewish heartland to the home of a respected, accredited Israeli research university and a world‑class center for the performing arts; and

Whereas, Ron Nachman leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Dorit; four daughters; ten grandchildren; and a host of friends, both in Israel and abroad. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express the profound sorrow upon the death of Ron Nachman, founder and mayor of the city of Ariel, Israel, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Dorit Nachman and the City of Ariel, Israel.

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