**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DERWOOD L. “WOODY” AYDLETTE, JR., OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Derwood L. “Woody” Aydlette, Jr., at the age of seventy‑three on July 4, 2012; and

Whereas, the son of the late Derwood L. Aydlette, Sr., and Emma F. Stebner Aydlette, he was born in Charleston on December 17, 1938, and earned a bachelor’s in economics in 1961 at Clemson University where he played football on scholarship; and

Whereas, he served with distinction in the United States Army and in the National Guard Reserves; and

Whereas, a retired insurance agent with Nationwide Insurance, Woody Aydlette was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1980 and served in this legislative body for eight years. As a Republican, he represented the James Island and Folly Beach areas; and

Whereas, he served as vice chairman of the Charleston County House delegation and on the House Medical, Military and Municipal Affairs Committee and on the Sentencing Guidelines Commission; and

Whereas, he was a member of the Church of the Nativity, the Knights of Columbus, Charleston Elks Lodge, James Island Masonic Lodge, the York Rite of Masons, and the Omar Shrine; and

Whereas, the former chairman of the Charleston County Aviation Authority, Woody Aydlette was honored with inclusion to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels and was a proud member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Secession Camp and of Washington Light Infantry; and

Whereas, he was involved with several committees at his alma mater, including the Lettermen’s Association, Alumni Association, and Clemson Board of Visitors; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of fifty‑three years, Linda Aydlette, he reared two loving daughters, Sharon Aydlette and Joni Aydlette, and two fine sons, Derwood Aydlette III and Tom Aydlette, who blessed them with seven adoring grandchildren and one great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Woody Aydlette and for the example of commitment he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of the Honorable Derwood L. “Woody” Aydlette, Jr., of Charleston County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of the Honorable Derwood L. “Woody” Aydlette, Jr.

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