**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF BARBARA ANN SCOTT OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, deeply saddened at the news, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned of the death of Barbara Ann Scott of Columbia on March 5, 2013; and

Whereas, born in Florence on August 4, 1937, Barbara moved to Columbia at a young age. She attended the Columbia public schools, graduating from University High School and then attending the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, her career began as a legal secretary for the law firm of Law and Kirkland (later Kirkland, Aaron & Alley), which she served as office manager for almost thirty years. A founding member of the Columbia Legal Secretaries Association, she served as vice president and treasurer of the South Carolina Legal Secretaries Association. Barbara took the professional legal secretary exam and passed on the first attempt; and

Whereas, in 1974, she was elected to the Richland County School District One School Board and served for eight years, three of them as chairman. In 2008, she was again elected to the board and was reelected in 2012. She believed strongly in the cause of free, equal, and exemplary public education for every child in South Carolina; and

Whereas, having been elected clerk of court for Richland County in 1984, Barbara oversaw the installation of the computerized court system, which greatly improved the day‑to‑day operations at the courthouse. She strived to make the child‑support payment system more efficient in order to improve the lives of children of single parents in Richland County; and

Whereas, she served as vice president and president of the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court and Registers of Deeds. She worked as legislative chairman in areas covering the court system. She also served as a board member for the South Carolina Association of Counties and as South Carolina representative on the board of the National Association of Counties; and

Whereas, Barbara loved her work and made running one of the largest court systems in the State look easy. Her colleagues and coworkers were like a second family, and she looked forward to working with them each day; and

Whereas, well known for her quick wit and no‑nonsense demeanor, she was a natural leader, strong, decisive, entertaining, and able to make those around her feel at ease. She was a practical problem‑solver who faced challenges head‑on with tenacity and a sense of humor. In the world of politics, she was a rare gem of common sense and straight answers; and

Whereas, Barbara worked hard her entire life but also made time to relax and have fun with her many friends and family. She was an avid Carolina Gamecock football fan and spent many Saturday afternoons tailgating at Williams Brice Stadium or traveling to away games with the Wayward Bus Crew. She hosted countless weekend get‑togethers at her pool with her children and grandchildren, cooking, swimming, listening to music, and playing cards on the poolside deck. She never missed an opportunity to shag if beach music played on the radio; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Paul H. Pickens; her children, Tracie Mefford, April Cardwell, Melodie Scott‑Leach, and Tiffanie Kelly Zigdon; her nine grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. She 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 their profound sorrow upon the death of Barbara Ann Scott of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Paul H. Pickens for the family.

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