**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PAUL EMERY PLESS OF LANCASTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Paul Emery Pless on February 14, 2014, at the venerable age of eighty‑seven; and

Whereas, he was born May 28, 1926, in Concord, North Carolina, the son of the late Henry Luther Pless and Ezella Mae Hathcock Pless, and was the husband of the late Mattie Sowell Pless; and

Whereas, Mr. Pless retired as the owner of Sowell’s Rental Agency; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, this steadfast patriot, a Korean War Veteran, served with honor and distinction in the United States Army and was a recipient of the Purple Heart; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, he was a dedicated member of First Methodist Church Lancaster for over fifty years; and

Whereas, Mr. Pless served the youth of his community as the treasurer of Boy Scout Troop #71; and

Whereas, his family was the focus of Mr. Pless’ life, and he is survived by two devoted daughters, Paula Pless Williams and her husband, Dan, and Janet Pless Ballard and her husband, Chris; a sister, Evelyn Pless Raye, and her husband, James; and three grandchildren, Daniel Williams, Kristen Ballard, and Joseph Ballard; and

Whereas, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mattie Sowell Pless; two sisters, Blanche Ramseur and May Baker; and four brothers: Joe, Henry, John, and Warren Pless; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of this son of South Carolina and the example of compassion and kindness he set for all who knew him. 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 their profound sorrow upon the passing of Paul Emery Pless of Lancaster County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Paula Pless Williams and Janet Pless Ballard for the family.

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