**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF WILBERT HOWARD OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS, INCLUDING HIS SON AND OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE LEON HOWARD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the recent death of Wilbert Howard of Columbia on May 2, 2014, at the venerable age of eighty‑four; and

Whereas, a native of Bishopville, Wilbert was the son of Simon and Emma Presley Howard. He received his education in the Lee County public school system, graduating from Dennis High School; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, the young Wilbert served proudly and honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and

Whereas, Deacon Howard was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Bishopville and later transferred his membership to Columbia’s Antioch Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, trustee, and Jubilee Choir director; and

Whereas, a pillar of the community, he started his business career with Howard’s Grocery Store on Wheat Street. He went on to open Howard’s Fuel and Oil, a service station, as well as Howard’s Garage and Puff Howard Towing; and

Whereas, Mr. Howard leaves to cherish his memory his sons, our friend and colleague Representative Leon Howard and Harold (Michelle) Howard; his grandchildren, Branch Howard and Kirstie Logan; his great‑granddaughter, Kylei Logan; a sister, Leila Gettis; and other loving relatives, church members, and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing 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 death of Wilbert Howard of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends, including his son and our friend and colleague Representative Leon Howard.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Wilbert Howard.

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