**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY ESTHER DINKINS JAMES OF SUMTER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Mary Esther Dinkins James of Sumter on Sunday, May 25, 2014, at the venerable age of ninety‑one; and

Whereas, born in Sumter County, Mary Esther Dinkins James was the daughter of Vernon Robert Dinkins and Frances Mellette Dinkins and received her early education in the public schools of Sumter County. She was a graduate of Winthrop College; and

Whereas, this woman of faith served her God as a member of First Presbyterian Church in Sumter and as an associate member of the French Huguenot Church in Charleston; and

Whereas, in addition, she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Museum, Sumter County Historical Society, Huguenot Society of South Carolina, and Metropolitan Opera Guild; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Arthur Whiteford James; three sons and daughters‑in‑law, Arthur Whiteford “Whit” James, Jr., and his wife, Beth Segars James; Robert Hastings James and his wife, Frances Richardson James; and William Hamilton James and his wife, Cindy Gardner James; eight grandchildren; four great‑grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends. 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 Mrs. Mary Esther Dinkins James of Sumter and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. Arthur Whiteford James for the family.

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