**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF IDA MAGWOOD MARTIN OF BLUFFTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, deeply saddened at the news, the members of the South Carolina Senate have learned of the death of Ida Magwood Martin of Bluffton on June 12, 2013, at the venerable age of eighty‑six; and

Whereas, born on January 22, 1927, in Whitehall, Ida Magwood Martin lost her mother at an early age and at the age of five went to live with her uncle, Haskell Magwood, in Savannah, Georgia. A fireman for the railroad, her uncle provided a good home; and

Whereas, after high school, the young Ida attended Shanklin Boarding School and met the love of her life, Jake Martin. She became a licensed practical nurse while at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland; and

Whereas, on October 30, 1948, Ida and Jacob were joined in holy matrimony, God blessing their union with four children, Richard I (deceased), Richard II, Constance, and Crawford; and

Whereas, in 1978, Jacob and Ida Martin retired from Detroit, Michigan, to Jacob’s hometown of Bluffton, where Ida quickly became a welcome part of the community. Joining Campbell Chapel AME Church, she became very active there and found her greatest joy in service with the Women’s Missionary Society (WMS). Ida became WMS president; she was a member of the stewardess board and the combined choir and served as a class leader; she was an advisor to the Young Voices of Praise Choir, a Vacation Bible School arts and crafts teacher, and an avid student at her Bible study and church school; and

Whereas, Mrs. Martin’s mission work extended to all levels of the connectional church. For her dedicated service, she was named a Torch Lighter of the Beaufort District of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the AME Church; and

Whereas, at the age of sixty, Mrs. Martin founded Bluffton Self Help, a nonprofit organization that assists those facing hunger and poverty, and she has been recognized for her work at the community, state, and national level. In 1990, she was named South Carolina Volunteer of the Year, and in 2011 she received the coveted Presidential Citizens Medal, one of the nation’s highest civilian honors. Further, in Bluffton, April 4 has been celebrated as Ida Martin Day since April 2011, and the Town of Bluffton Wall of Honor features Mrs. Martin; and

Whereas, among her many other honors is the 2012 Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Alice Glenn Doughtie Citizenship Award; and

Whereas, Mrs. Martin will be remembered for her big heart, her faith in her fellow man, and the strong work ethic that moved her forward even as her body tired; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory her beloved and devoted husband Jacob “Jake” Martin; a daughter, Constance Martin; two sons, Richard (Lois) Martin and Crawford Martin; six grandchildren; three great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Ida Magwood Martin of Bluffton 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. Jake Martin for the family.

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