**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE DEATH OF DR. LINDA VELDHEER, TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HER LIFE AND WORK, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Linda Veldheer on May 20, 2016; and

Whereas, Dr. Veldheer was the director of the Head and Spinal Cord Division of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and a member of the executive committee of the South Carolina Brain Injury Leadership Council. She was a leader within the state promoting a range of services that empower persons with traumatic brain injuries; and

Whereas, throughout her career, Dr. Veldheer was instrumental in attracting federal funds of over $1 million to assist with a broad range of service and training needs within South Carolina. These included teacher education regarding the needs of brain injury, collaboration between state agencies, and a public awareness campaign regarding the lifespan needs of persons with brain injury; and

Whereas, Dr. Veldheer was an active member of the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina, where she provided her expertise and support in areas such as the professional development conference, outreach, prevention, information and referral. She served many years as a well-respected voice for the community of individuals with brain injuries; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to honor the extraordinary life of Dr. Veldheer as a community leader, wife, and mother. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Dr. Linda Veldheer, recognize and honor her life and work, and extend deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Dr. Linda Veldheer.

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