**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF CARL JULIUS DERRICK OF CONWAY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Carl Julius Derrick of Conway on January 9, 2015, at the venerable age of eighty‑one; and

Whereas, on November 8, 1933, in Gilbert, Carl Julius Derrick was born the son of Sarah Bysinger Derrick and one of six children. He spent most of his young life at Epworth Children’s Home after the death of his mother, where he excelled as an athlete and received a full scholarship to the University of South Carolina. He also received a scholarship for his sister, who followed him there the next year. There he played football and was co‑captain of the 1957‑1958 team. While he was playing football, he met the love of his life, Polly Mishoe. After a three‑month courtship, they wed and enjoyed fifty‑eight years of marriage; and

Whereas, he was drafted by the New York Giants but was cut in the final round, an event that was to bless many in his home State of South Carolina, where he returned to teach and coach in Horry County. After serving as assistant coach to Buddy Sasser for some years, he took over as head coach for the Conway Tigers and coached winning teams from 1971 to 1978. As coach, he headed up the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at Conway High School and for years carried many young men to the FCA National Conference in Black Mountain, North Carolina. He helped start the South Carolina FCA Conference in Horry County and helped sponsor the yearly state conference at the Garden City Chapel by the Sea for years, carrying many children to that conference; and

Whereas, affectionately known as “Big Jules” to his family, he found his greatest joy in life through helping young boys and girls, as he was helped at Epworth by coaches and teachers he loved. In 1989, he started the Horry County Children’s Mentoring Program and operated it with Polly. She was always by his side in every endeavor. He continued working in that program until his death; and

Whereas, he loved to write poems and short stories about his life and raised money for the FCA by using his poetic gifts. A man of faith, he was a founding member of The Rock Church in Conway; and

Whereas, he was also the recipient of numerous awards, most notably the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina’s highest civilian award (1998). Of all Big Jules’s many accomplishments, however, he was proudest of his children and their families; and

Whereas, Carl Julius Derrick leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Polly, and their family of four children, seven grandchildren, and four great‑grandchildren: Julaan Derrick, her daughter, Ashton, and her son, Brody; Rhette Stanley and her husband, Rodney, and their children, Carley Stanley and Sage Savage and her husband, Matt, and their daughter, Mattie Jule; Dirk Derrick and his wife, Michelle, and their sons, Dakota and Peyton; Merinda Luse and her husband, Steve, and their children, Jentry and her husband, Charlie Childress, Stevie, Juan, and Jennifer and her husband, Jerome Jacobson, and their sons, Benjamin and Eric; his brother, Cecil Harmon; his sister, Annette, and her husband, J.C. Smith, and family; his sister, Willie Wingard; and his sister, Nell, and her husband, William Berry, and their family. He was predeceased by another sister, Sarah. Big Jules will be 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 Carl Julius Derrick of Conway and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Polly Derrick for the family.

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