**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE PASSING OF DORIS A. WHITE HILDEBRAND OF RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Doris A. White Hildebrand at the age of seventy‑three on January 31, 2015; and

Whereas, born in San Antonio, Texas, on September 27, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Alvis and Lovie McKinney White and received Christ at an early age at Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hildebrand moved to Columbia in 1969 with her beloved husband, James, and their two fine children, James Eric and Karen Dionne, and she became a devoted member of Jones Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Until her death, she and her husband were married for fifty‑three years and delighted in their four grandchildren; and

Whereas, she served the church as president of the Sanctuary Choir for many years and as chair and secretary of the Board of Stewards. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, member of the Methodist Women, and Life Missionary Member of the Women’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society (WHOMS). She ministered to the Buds of Promise Choir for children and on the Christian Service and Social Action Committee. She was honored with the Pastor’s Special Recognition Award for Exemplary Spiritual Growth; and

Whereas, when the doctor for whom she worked retired in 1985, Mrs. Hildebrand retired as well, but she became active in community affairs, serving as the president of the Waverly Neighborhood Improvement and Protection Association (WNIPA), and was lovingly referred to as the “mayor” of Waverly; and

Whereas, she was heavily involved in the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN) in the City of Columbia, initiating numerous projects in her neighborhood, notably the beginning of revitalization of the Historic Waverly neighborhood. She realized a long‑time goal in the designation of the neighborhood as an historical design area; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hildebrand’s deep community involvement extended to such organizations as the Benedict‑Allen Community Development Corporation, Columbia Housing Development Corporation, Historic Columbia Foundation, STARS Community Advisory Board of the United Black Fund, and Development Review Commission for the City of Columbia Design; and

Whereas, she tenaciously lived her motto of “Do what you can while you can” and was recognized for exemplary community service with numerous awards, such as the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods Friend of the Year Award and induction into the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods Hall of Fame in 2011; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Doris Hildebrand and for the example of sacrifice and kindness she set for all who knew her. 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 passing of Doris A. White Hildebrand of Richland County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Doris A. White Hildebrand.

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