**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF CHARLES ROBERT HESTER OF CLARENDON COUNTY.

Whereas, born near Clarksville, Tennessee, on August 8, 1931, Charles Robert Hester was the son of the late James Bert Hester and Tyson Lowder Hester; and

Whereas, two years after his birth, the family moved to the Wilson community of Manning to the childhood home of Charles’ mother; and

Whereas, after graduating from Manning High School, he served as a bookkeeper for the Clarendon County School Board; and

Whereas, Mr. Hester later went to work at Clarendon Memorial Hospital, starting there as the bookkeeper and rising to serve as the assistant administrator; and

Whereas, he served with the hospital for thirty‑nine years before he retired in 1996, but he returned to Clarendon Memorial Hospital part‑time to serve as the administrative representative on weekends; and

Whereas, Mr. Hester devoted himself to his community through many community activities, including his active participation in the Clarendon County Historical Society and the Swamp Fox Murals Trail Society, where he served as treasurer; and

Whereas, with interests in a wide range of diverse fields, Charles Hester gained extensive knowledge and expertise by educating himself in such areas as music, history, theology, art, theatre, and interior design; and

Whereas, a faithful and lifelong member of Union United Methodist Church at Wilson, he gave of his time, energy, and abilities to serve as treasurer and church musician; and

Whereas, until his passing on April 18, 2015, he was devoted to his family members. Although his brother and sister predeceased him, he was delighted to spend time with their spouses and his niece and two nephews, as well as their children and grandchildren; and

Whereas, he was beloved by his Union United Methodist Church family, his hospital family, and many close friends; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the profound life and legacy of Charles Hester and the example of service and enterprise he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, remember and celebrate the life of Charles Robert Hester of Clarendon County.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Charles Robert Hester.

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