**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF HENRY BYNUM OF SUMTER 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 Henry Bynum of Sumter on May 7, 2015, at the venerable age of eighty‑two; and

Whereas, the third of four children born to the late Adelaide Esther Clarke Bynum and William Edwards Bynum of Sumter, Henry Bynum entered this world on October 10, 1932. The young Henry grew up at 131 Church Street in Sumter, and his first job was delivering the *Sumter Daily Item*. Having graduated from Edmunds High School in 1950, he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1954 at Wofford College, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and the tennis team; and

Whereas, it was while working at Lake Junaluska Assembly in North Carolina that Mr. Bynum met his future wife, and they were married on April 17, 1955. While serving two years in the U.S. Army, the Bynums lived in Nuremberg, Germany; and

Whereas, Henry Bynum began working in the insurance business in 1959, his entrepreneurial spirit later leading him to become the owner of Bynum Insurance Company. His two sons, Clarke and Edward, eventually joined him in the insurance business; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Mr. Bynum was a devoted lifetime member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He attended the Boyle Bible Class and served as chairman of finance, the administrative board, long‑range planning, and the building committee, among other positions of church responsibility; and

Whereas, for more than forty years, Henry Bynum was a summer resident of Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. He served as a trustee of Lake Junaluska Assembly and as a board member of the Intentional Growth Center at Lake Junaluska. He served also as projects chairman of Junaluska Associates and received the Chief Junaluska Award in 2001; and

Whereas, his many civic pursuits included service as president of the YMCA Board of Directors and chairman of the Wilson Hall School Board. He was a member of the National Bank of South Carolina Advisory Board, a board member of Sunset Country Club, and a former member of the Sumter Rotary Club. He served as president of the Sumter Independent Insurance Agents, was a member of Mount Vernon Coffee Club for forty‑seven years, and enjoyed playing golf with his friends and family members; and

Whereas, to his friends, neighbors, and family, Henry Bynum’s legacy is a rich and lasting one that may be summed up in this tribute: he was a man who loved his hometown and invested himself in its betterment; a father who instilled Christian values into his children; a husband who faithfully loved his wife, Pat; and an exemplary man of God who passionately and humbly served the Lord throughout his life; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his son, Henry Clarke Bynum Jr., Henry Bynum is survived by his beloved wife of sixty years; his daughter, Louise Lanius Bynum Mitchum and her husband, Robert “Eddie” Mitchum; his son, Edward Kennedy Bynum and his wife, Yvette Dibrell Bynum; eight grandchildren; two great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly 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 passing of Henry Bynum of Sumter 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. Pat Bynum for the family.

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