**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. TERESA WILLIAMS RODDEY OF YORK COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn that Teresa Williams Roddey, loving wife, mother, sister, and friend, died on Sunday, January 3, 2016; and

Whereas, Teresa Williams was born in Eastover to the late James Williams and Mary Jackson Williams, the ninth child of twelve children, ten of whom preceded her in death; and

Whereas, educated in the public schools of Gadsden and Hopkins, she earned a bachelor’s degree from Benedict College, where she served as Miss Benedict College in 1960, and she completed a master’s in education from the University of South Carolina at Lancaster; and

Whereas, baptized at Beulah Baptist Church in Eastover at an early age, “Tee,” as she was lovingly known, served in the church until she left to attend college; and

Whereas, she commenced her career as an elementary school teacher in Greenwood and taught at several schools in the Rock Hill School District; and

Whereas, for fifty‑two years, she was married to her beloved husband, Dr. Osbey Roddey, and together they reared a fine son, Reginald Williams Roddey, who blessed them with a grandson, Kenneth Reginald Roddey; and

Whereas, Teresa Roddey joined Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Catawba when she married, and she faithfully and actively served in several capacities, including as a member of the Musical Choir, Missionary Society, and as a Sunday school teacher; and

Whereas, in May 1983, Reverend Roddey accepted a call to become the senior pastor of Langrum Branch Baptist Church in York, and the family moved; and

Whereas, Mrs. Roddey joined the church in York and served in several leadership roles, one of which was helping to establish the Young Adult Ministry, for which she served as an advisor until her death. She felt honored to serve as the First Lady of Langrum Branch Baptist Church for thirty‑two years; and

Whereas, she held state office in the Interdenominational Ministers’ Wives, and she was an active and life member of the Eta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and was a 2015 recipient of the sorority’s Golden Member of Distinction Award for fifty years of membership; and

Whereas, Teresa Roddey’s prolific community service included serving on the Rock Hill Interdenominational Ministers’ Wives and Ministers’ Widows Alliance, on the board of directors of Friendship College, and life membership in the NAACP; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the life and legacy of Teresa Williams Roddey as an educator in South Carolina for three decades 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 express profound sorrow upon the passing of Mrs. Teresa Williams Roddey of York County and extend their deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Mrs. Teresa Williams Roddey.

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