**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF ELIZABETH LARK BAKER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are sorely grieved to learn of the passing of a precious and valiant woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Lark Baker, the mother of ten children, including Mrs. Gwen Thompson, mother‑in‑law of Spartanburg County School Board member Michael Thompson, and grandmother and great‑grandmother to many who are all very active citizens of the great State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, words cannot adequately express the loss suffered by those who loved Mrs. Baker, nor can mere words bring full comfort to the family members and many friends affected by this loss. However, family and friends may take comfort in the Word of God as recorded in Psalm 116:15 (KJV), “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints”; and

Whereas, Mrs. Elizabeth Baker was a reverent woman who valued her education at Converse College, retired from District Five Schools of Spartanburg County, and ardently supported her community and this State; and

Whereas, in addition, she was a member of Eastern Star 250 and Walker’s Chapel Presbyterian Church and loved her community and family with a gentle, yet stern, affection; and

Whereas, this devoted mother and dedicated community member, counselor, and educator was always available to share an encouraging word and demonstrate strong support. She will be greatly missed. 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 Elizabeth Lark Baker and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

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

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