**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VERNELL G. HAIRE OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were genuinely saddened to learn of the death of Vernell G. Haire at the age of seventy‑one on Saturday, January 16, 2016; and

Whereas, born December 7, 1944, Vernell Grant was the daughter of the late Mary Hay Grant and the late Shelly Grant, Sr., and was raised in Allendale; and

Whereas, deeply influenced by the Christian values instilled in her, she was baptized and became a member of Happy Home Baptist Church in Allendale where she worshiped until she was married. After her marriage, she joined Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, where she continued her Christian journey and growth; and

Whereas, Mrs. Haire received her primary and secondary education in the Allendale public school system where she played basketball and excelled academically, finishing as the salutatorian of her graduating class; and

Whereas, she earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics and a master of education from South Carolina State College, now South Carolina State University, and completed additional hours that earned a master’s‑plus‑thirty designation; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband of forty‑seven years, Bernard Haire, she reared two fine children, Dr. Aaron Haire and Alicia Yvonne Gordon. She was blessed with the love of an adoring granddaughter, Eden LaRae Gordon; and

Whereas, she was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the St. John Benevolent Society in Barnwell; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Vernell Haire 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 Vernell G. Haire of Orangeburg 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 presented to the family of Vernell G. Haire.

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