**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF JOE B. THOMPSON OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Joe B. Thompson at the age of seventy‑three on Sunday, February 15, 2015; and

Whereas, born on June 25, 1941, and raised in Charleston, he graduated from Bonds‑Wilson High School in 1962, where he led the Bonds‑Wilson marching band as drum major and also played the trumpet; and

Whereas, Mr. Thompson was married to Dorothy Thompson for thirty years until her death. Over thirteen years ago, he was blessed with the love of his second wife, Andrea Seymore-Thompson; and

Whereas, he worked for South Carolina Electric and Gas Company bus transportation for twenty‑five years before retiring; and

Whereas, a faithful member of New Bethel Reformed Episcopal Church, Mr. Thompson served on various committees and enjoyed serving the Lord; and

Whereas, as a Shriner, he was a member of Arabian Temple #139 from his youth, having served in many capacities, including as past potentate. Mr. Thompson also served as president for the Dorchester Waylyn Neighborhood Association for many years; and

Whereas, he loved young people and also loved helping seniors, and he was concerned for the safety and well‑being of his neighbors, often bringing food to those in need; and

Whereas, he was blessed with four fine children: Denetra Smiley; Tanya Thomas; James E. Seymore, Jr.; and Terrence G. Seymore. He enjoyed the affection of two adoring grandchildren and five great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Joe B. Thompson and for the example of sacrifice and kindness he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Joe B. Thompson of Charleston County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joe B. Thompson.

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