**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE PASSING OF MARIE BARBARA JOHNSON OF AIKEN COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Marie Barbara Johnson at the age of eighty‑one on Saturday, January 23, 2016; and

Whereas, born in Jackson, South Carolina, on May 16, 1934, she was the eighth child of the late Jim Simpkins and Rena Simpkins and attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School, where she developed a great love for reading and writing; and

Whereas, at Immaculate Conception High School in Augusta, Georgia, Mrs. Johnson received her high school diploma and was the queen of Immaculate Conception High School; and

Whereas, she earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Benedict College, where she graduated cum laude and was initiated into the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and was the queen for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and

Whereas, with a master’s degree from South Carolina State University, Mrs. Johnson received certification as a six‑year education specialist from the University of South Carolina and completed further studies at Indiana University; and

Whereas, throughout her thirty‑four‑year career in education, she filled teaching and supervisory roles at Jefferson Elementary School in Langley, Summerfield Elementary School Annex in Aiken, and North Augusta Elementary School; and

Whereas, she served as treasurer on the founding board for the Lucy Craft Laney Museum of Black History and was a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta and a faithful member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Augusta, Georgia; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband of fifty‑three years, Boston Johnson, she reared a fine son, Darryl V. Johnson. Darryl and his precious wife, Shannon, blessed his parents with an adoring granddaughter, Jasmine Johnson; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life of Marie Barbara Johnson, her legacy of service to others, and the example of uncommon spirit and love 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 Marie Barbara Johnson of Aiken County, and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Marie Barbara Johnson.

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