**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF ALVIN LARKE, SR., OF JACKSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Alvin Larke, Sr., of Jackson on February 1, 2016, at the venerable age of ninety‑three; and

Whereas, born in the Kathwood community of Jackson on May 3, 1922, Alvin Larke, Sr., came into this world the son of Henrietta Johnson Larke and Ned Mays. The young Alvin was educated in the public schools of Aiken County and at C.T. Walker Evening School for Veterans in Augusta, Georgia; and

Whereas, in time, Alvin met and married the former Staretha Aaron, God blessing the couple with a large family. Education was important to Alvin, and he encouraged his children to obtain as much of it as possible; and

Whereas, heeding the call of his country, he enlisted in the United States Army and served for more than three years during World War II. He was employed at Riverside Mill for more than thirty years, Savannah River Plant, King Mill, and was a farmer for many years; and

Whereas, Alvin confessed Christ as his personal Savior as a young man and joined St. Catherine C.M.E. Church in Jackson, where he was baptized. As a faithful member, he served as superintendent of the Sunday School, chairman of the steward board, and member of the choir, as well as other positions in the church. He was responsible for many fundraisers, including the Pastor’s Aid, and was instrumental in the acquisition of the Kathwood Community School. He was also an active member of Taft Lodge #282; and

Whereas, his beloved wife, Staretha, having predeceased him, he leaves to cherish his memory his children, Shirley (Moses) Johnson of Jackson, Emma (Leroy) Glover of North Augusta, Elaine (Haywood) Massenburg of Wake Forest, North Carolina, Teresa (George) Pope of Aiken, Alvin (Patricia) Larke, Jr., of College Station, Texas, Charles Larke of Augusta, Georgia, Johnnie (Barbara) Larke of Hephzibah, Georgia, George Larke, Sr., of North Augusta, and Warren (Debra) Larke of Jackson; twenty‑five grandchildren; forty‑nine great‑grandchildren; eight great‑great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be 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 Alvin Larke, Sr., of Jackson and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Emma Larke Glover for the family.

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