**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM CAPERS COOK OF ORANGEBURG 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 William Capers Cook of Orangeburg on April 12, 2016, at the age of eighty‑one; and

Whereas, born in Norris on March 17, 1935, William Cook came into this world the son of Raymond Benjamin “Ben” Cook and Mildred Merck Cook. In preparation for his career, the young William earned a bachelor’s degree in animal science and a master’s degree in dairy science from Clemson University. He also received a master’s degree in human nutrition from South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, the vice president of Media Security Services, William also worked for Clemson University and Orangeburg‑Calhoun Technical College as head of the agriculture department from 1969 to 1988. He retired as a South Carolina State employee; and

Whereas, Bill, as he was affectionately known, believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions led him to serve that community, as well as the broader community of South Carolina, in several capacities. These include service on the board of the American Heart Association, the advisory board for the Orangeburg‑Calhoun Technical College Agricultural Department, and the local county’s SACS committee. He and his wife helped develop the Junior Holstein Association for South Carolina, and Bill served as secretary of the South Carolina Holstein Association; and

Whereas, in recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, Bill Cook was granted various honors. He was recognized as 1972 Outstanding Educator of America and 1979‑1980 Outstanding Technical Educator of the Year by the South Carolina Technical Education Association. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Orangeburg; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Wanza McAlister Cook; a son, Terry William Cook (Dede); grandsons Tab Blewer (Candice Roberson), Tyler Gardner, Chris Hloubi, and Ahmed Hloubi; granddaughters Deidre Ryan Carroll (Austin) and Dahlia Hloubi; great‑grandchildren Jaxson Wesley Carroll, Ansley Grace Blewer, Hailey Phillips, Carlie Day, and Ambrie Annabella Blewer; 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 William Capers Cook of Orangeburg and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Wanza McAlister Cook for the family.

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