**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PHILLIP C. CAULDER, JR., OWNER OF THE MILLER‑RIVERS‑CAULDER FUNERAL HOME, INC., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY‑FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned that Phillip C. Caulder, Jr., will begin a well‑deserved retirement after forty‑five years as a distinguished and highly regarded licensed funeral director and embalmer in the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, born in Chesterfield, Phillip Caulder graduated from Chesterfield High School and began his career in funeral service when he was employed by Miller‑Rivers Funeral Home at the age of fourteen; and

Whereas, he was an honor graduate of Gupton‑Jones College of Mortuary Science in Atlanta, Georgia, where he served as the class chaplain, and he became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in South Carolina; and

Whereas, for over seventy years, the Miller‑Rivers‑Caulder Funeral Home has served families in Chesterfield County and the surrounding area with the dignified and friendly care of a family- owned funeral home; and

Whereas, around 1942, Rudolph Hursey established the Hursey Funeral Home in Chesterfield, and after his death in 1959, Tom Miller, who had worked at Hursey Funeral Home since 1945, and Don Rivers established Miller‑Rivers Funeral Home; and

Whereas, when the home place of Robert E. Rivers, Sr., was purchased in 1963, the establishment moved from its original location to its present site in Chesterfield; and

Whereas, in 1971, Mr. Caulder began working at the funeral home as a youngster. Seventeen years later when the owners retired at the same time, he was still employed there, and he and his wife, Yetive Watson Caulder, purchased the business and changed the name to Miller‑Rivers‑Caulder Funeral Home, Inc.; and

Whereas, that year the Caulders renovated the interior, and in 1999, they completed an extensive renovation to the entire building. A new embalming and dressing room was added, along with a new casket‑selection room, a vestibule, a chapel to seat two hundred twenty‑five guests, and a portico to accommodate four vehicles; and

Whereas, Mr. Caulder has served his profession as a member and former chairman of the Pee Dee Funeral Directors Association, a member and past president of the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association, and a member and past committee member of the National Funeral Directors Association. He is also a former member of the South Carolina Board of Funeral Service; and

Whereas, twice honored as the Pee Dee Funeral Director of the Year, he is a faithful member of Pine Grove Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, worship leader, children sermon presenter, building committee chairman, and former music director; and

Whereas, he serves as a chaplain and member of the Chesterfield Fire Department and is a member of Chesterfield Masonic Lodge 220, member and president of the board of Hospice of Chesterfield County, on the board of Mercy In Me Free Medical Clinic, and on the advisory board of McLeod Health in Cheraw; and

Whereas, with his beloved wife, Yetive, he reared two fine children, Phillip “Cas” Caulder III, and Calyn Elizabeth Caulder; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the years of compassionate care and understanding that Phillip C. Caulder has devoted to providing professional funeral service, and the members wish him many years of enjoyment in his well‑earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Phillip C. Caulder, Jr., owner of the Miller‑Rivers‑Caulder Funeral Home, Inc., upon the occasion of his retirement after forty‑five years of dedicated service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Phillip C. Caulder, Jr.

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