**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF MR. JAMES SMITH OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mr. James Smith of Columbia on April 23, 2015, at the venerable age of eighty‑one; and

Whereas, James Smith came into this world on April 1, 1934, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and he was witness to many of the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, a retired realtor, James Smith kept his hand in the business by continuing to work part‑time at Thomas and Associates of Columbia. As a man of faith, he served his God at Bethlehem Baptist Church‑Lyon Street, where he was an active member of the Bethlehem Baptist Board of Deacons; and

Whereas, Mr. Smith leaves to cherish his memory his beloved family: his wife, Margaret K. Smith; his sons, Kenneth J. Smith and Mark M. (VeAundrea) Smith; a brother, Arthur (Deborah) Smith; his grandchildren and great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed. 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 death of Mr. James Smith of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Margaret K. Smith for the family.

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