**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF SAMMY HICKS, JR., OF RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Sammy Hicks, Jr., at the age of sixty-six on December 12, 2016; and

Whereas, born in Bamberg County on July 30, 1950, he was the only son of late Ella Mae and Sammy Hicks, Sr., and was educated in the Bamberg public school system; and

Whereas, affectionately known to family and friends as “Brother,” he joined Capernaum Baptist Church in Denmark at an early age. When he relocated to Columbia, he joined Bethlehem Baptist Church, where his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ flourished; and

Whereas, Mr. Hicks earned a bachelor of science in accounting from Voorhees College in 1972, and then embarked on a career that took him to various positions at Ford Motor Credit, the State of South Carolina, and Hanson Brick; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of forty-six years, Lynda W. Hicks, he reared three fine sons to whom he was devoted: Sammy Hicks, III; Curtis P. Hicks; and Michael J. Hicks. These sons and their wives blessed Brother and Lynda with the affection of eight grandchildren: Sydney, Courtney, Camryn, Brandon, Valerie, Kyndall, Jordan, and Jade; and one great‑grandchild, Peyton; and

Whereas, Mr. Hicks was a deeply devoted husband and father, focused on all aspects of his boys’ lives, especially their spiritual faith, as well as their academics and athletics; and

Whereas, his own life of faith, love, prayer, and trust reflected one of his favorite Bible verses: “I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me”; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Sammy Hicks, Jr., and for the example of sacrifice and kindness he set for all who knew him. 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 Sammy Hicks, Jr., of Richland County, and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sammy Hicks, Jr.

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