**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF EDWARD DAVIS, JR., 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 Edward “Check” Davis, Jr., at the age of eighty‑two on Wednesday, January 24, 2018; and

Whereas, born to Lena Reed and Edward C. Davis, Sr., on January 4, 1936, Check was raised by his mother and stepfather, Moses Goodwin, Sr., whom he called his true father. He loved life, but on January twenty‑fourth, his spirit was called to his beautiful home beyond the sky; and

Whereas, Check was born in the Brown Swamp community in Boykin, SC, and attended the Boykin School in Kershaw County. He left school at an early age to work with his father on the farm. The job he loved most was at the DuPont stables, where he worked as a groomer. He worked there for twenty‑seven years until his retirement. He did so much for so many and with very little education. Wishing to ensure his children were able to receive the education he was unable to achieve, he got loans from DuPont every year, enabling his children to go to college without student loans. He went from the stables to the plant, working his way up the ladder and soliciting his children for help when he needed to learn more advanced math, in order to pass tests and continue moving forward in his career to better provide for his family; and

Whereas, at age forty‑one, under the ministry of Reverend Mack McClam, Check committed his life fully to God and the church, spending the rest of his days working for the Lord and Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. Check loved his church and served in many capacities within it. These positions included Trustee, member of the United Methodist Men, the senior choir, and past president of his beloved Good Hope Wesley Chapel Male Choir. He was known for being the quiet deep voice at Bible study. He remained a faithful tithing member under the leadership of his “daughter” and pastor Reverend Angela Ford Nelson until his death; and

Whereas, he was also a passionate and active member of the Prince Hall Masons, Composite Lodge #372 and a past member of the Al Bar Temple Shriners #178. He loved going to revivals, choir anniversaries, and gospel concerts all over the State; and

Whereas, he spent a blessed lifetime married to the love of his life, the late Annie Lee Gardner Davis. This union was blessed with six children, of whom one, Kris Davis Robertson, preceded him in death. His daughter, Connie Davis Rouse, describes her father as “a regular guy who looked for opportunities to do great things and was such a blessing to our family and community.” He leaves behind a legacy that will remain close to the hearts of many for years to come; and

Whereas, loved by so many, Check leaves a plethora of people to forever cherish his memory. Some of this number includes six loving children, Marlene Davis Leak, Connie Davis Rouse, Edward (Theresa) Davis, III , Forrest Terry (Jeannie) Davis , Pamela Brown; three sisters, Lena (Jimmy) Peele, Rebecca Greene, and Rita Bolden; seven brothers, Michael Matthew (Rebecca) Goodwin, Moses Goodwin, James (Sarah) Goodwin, Jacob (Sharon) Goodwin, Willie (Everlee) Goodwin, Thomas Goodwin, and John Henry (Rose) Goodwin; a brother‑in‑law, James Goodwin; a ninety‑eight‑year‑old aunt, Sadie Johnson; and a whole host of amazing nieces, beloved nephews, treasured cousins, and other dear relatives and friends; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Mr. Davis 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 Edward Davis, Jr., 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 Edward Davis, Jr.

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