**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GUSTAVE DICKS HOLLIDAY OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the passing of Gustave Dicks Holliday of Columbia on February 11, 2018, at the venerable age of one hundred six; and

Whereas, Gustave Dicks Holliday, better known as “Mrs. Gussie,” was born in Sumter on January 26, 1912, and lived in that city most of her life. She was a daughter of the late Rosa Dicks Williams Ballard and Dave Williams and the wife of Isadore Holliday; and

Whereas, at a very early age, Gussie became hearing impaired. However, she showed persistence and determination to excel in her studies and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934. She went to live with family members in Philadelphia, enrolled in the Kingrow Beauty Culture School there, and became a licensed cosmetologist; and

Whereas, Gussie had an endearing love for the children in the community and referred to many of them as her “godchildren.” The neighborhood children knew she had a heart of gold, which led her to give them candy and other sweets. Needless to say, her home and beauty shop were often frequented by children with a sweet tooth; and

Whereas, aside from fulfilling her duties as a cosmetologist, Mrs. Gussie spent many hours knitting and crocheting beautiful spreads, blankets, and other items, most often as gifts to friends, family, and others in the community. At a very early age, she took piano lessons and could play sacred tunes and songs to which the family could “cut a rug.” Even in her last few years, she herself would “cut a rug” at the Brian Center Nursing Home in Columbia; and

Whereas, she had a passionate love for her grandchildren. Even in her sixties and beyond until her health began to fail, she was very active in playing with them. As a woman of faith, she served on Stewardess Board Number 2 at Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church in Sumter and participated as her health allowed. She was a very loyal, supportive church member; and

Whereas, having been preceded in death by her husband, Isadore Holliday; a daughter, Lucile H. Williams; and a son, Ulysses Holliday, Mrs. Holliday leaves to cherish her memory her son Louie A. (Betty) Dicks, Sr.; three grandsons, L. Augustus (Robyn) Dicks, Jr., Richard Williams, and Keith Williams; three granddaughters, Angela Dicks, Ursula Williams, and Madyln Williams; and a host of other relatives and dear friends. She will be greatly 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 passing of Gustave Dicks Holliday of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Louie A. Dicks, Sr., for the family.

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