**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF DR. CURTIS TYRONE GILMORE, SR., OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, for more than thirty‑five years, Dr. Curtis Tyrone Gilmore, Sr., effectively utilized his time and energy to meet the needs of students and to provide leadership to his community. He served as a teacher, coach, and principal. In 1994, he became the first African American to become Superintendent of Spartanburg School District 7, retiring in 2002; and

Whereas, born on March 24, 1943, in Spartanburg, Dr. Gilmore prepared himself academically by graduating from Carver High School. He later earned his bachelor’s degree in social studies from Livingstone College, his master’s degree in social studies from Converse College, and an educational specialist degree in education administration from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Dr. Gilmore provided notable leadership for his school district. He established an eighty million dollar building program, erected a county alternative school and a potential administrators’ academy, implemented a curriculum alignment and benchmarking process to improve student performance, adopted an aggressive technology plan to enhance students’ technology skills, and improved vocational education program enrollments; and

Whereas, Dr. Gilmore’s achievements have received national acclaim. *Money* magazine named Spartanburg County School District 7 one of the nation’s top one hundred school districts in 1996. From 1990 to 1994, Dr. Gilmore was Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. For his work, he has been honored many times, including Omega Man of the Year, Grand Basileus Distinguished Service Award, and Sixth District Leadership Award; and

Whereas, he served the community in a multitude of capacities, including as the chair of the South Carolina State Election Commission, National Association of Secondary School Principals, the local United Way, Lander University Board of Trustees, American Association of School Administrators, and more; and

Whereas, in 1993, Livingstone College awarded him an Honorary Doctorate degree of humane letters, and in 2003, he was inducted into the college’s hall of fame and the athletic hall of fame. He was also inducted into the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame in 2004; and

Whereas, Dr. Gilmore was guided by the philosophy of Daniel Webster: “if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust, but if we work upon minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow man, we engrave on those tables something that will brighten all eternity. This is education.”; and

Whereas, Dr. Gilmore was a dedicated member of Silver Hill Memorial United Methodist Church. He is survived by his two treasured children, C. Tyrone (Lori) Gilmore, Jr., and Tracy Robinson; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Dr. Gilmore and offer their sincere condolences to the family and friends he leaves behind. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, by this resolution, remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Curtis Tyrone Gilmore, Sr., of Spartanburg County and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Curtis Tyrone Gilmore, Sr.

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