**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM ALLEN “AL” NEWMAN OF SUMTER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the passing of William Allen “Al” Newman of Sumter on February 15, 2018, at the age of sixty‑four; and

Whereas, born February 24, 1953, this Sumter native was a son of the late Lonnie Cullen Newman, Sr., and Frances Pollard Newman. In the fullness of time, he met and married the former Lucia Woodward and was her loving husband for forty‑three years, the Lord blessing their union with two children, Matthew and Lorianna; and

Whereas, Al was the administrator of Northwoods Senior Living, a ministry for people with chronic illnesses. A graduate of Wilson Hall and Southern Methodist College with a degree in Christian ministries, he spent his life in ministry serving others. He worked with the visually handicapped, mentally challenged, and underprivileged, striving to make a difference in their lives; and

Whereas, in addition, Al worked with the South Carolina ETV program *Making It Grow* (MIG) for more than twenty years. On the show’s Facebook page, MIG staff members posted this tribute: “All of us at *Making It Grow* are saddened by the sudden loss of our friend and colleague Al Newman. As an original member of Team MIG, he always brought professionalism and humor to the set. Through the years, he served many functions, but for the most part he is the one who did all the live on‑air graphics‑‑all the callers’ names, the ‘Mystery Plant’ info, and all the last‑minute event announcements. Before each show, he would clap and dance (while seated) as the theme music started, to get us all pumped up. It worked, as we would all look forward to it each week”; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Al attended Bethesda Church of God, where he was the bass player for the praise team. He also played in the band known as Chief Complaint; and

Whereas, Al Newman leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Lucia Woodward Newman; a son, Matthew Newman (Lisa); a daughter, Lorianna Preston (Thomas); five grandchildren, Lauren Newman, Olivia Newman, Luke Newman, Elise Preston, and Adelynn Preston; and a host of other family members and friends. He 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 William Allen “Al” Newman of Sumter and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Lucia Woodward Newman for the family.

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