**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES BOBBY ROBERTS OF KERSHAW AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened by the passing of James Bobby Roberts of Kershaw on April 8, 2017, at the venerable age of eighty‑four; and

Whereas, born in Kershaw County to Enoch and Bertha Horton Roberts, James Bobby Roberts entered this world on July 23, 1932, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and he was a witness to many of the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, Mr. Roberts served in the United States Navy, where he was awarded a Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and United Nations Service Medal; and

Whereas, in the fullness of time, the young James Bobby met the lovely Suzanne, and the two were wed, God blessing their union with two children, four grandchildren, and three great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mr. Roberts believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions led him to serve that community in several capacities. He was a member of the Mt. Pisgah Buffalo Rescue Squad for thirty years and had served that organization as captain. In addition, he served as a member of the Water Board for Bethune Rural Water Company, was a Mason, and volunteered for the United Way. He retired from DuPont Company; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of sixty‑five years, Suzanne L. Roberts; his son, James K. Roberts (Tammy) of Kershaw; his daughter, Sandra R. Bennett (Ray) of Cassatt; his four grandchildren, April Hibbert (Anthony), Jamie Williams, Justin Williams, and Joshua Bennett; his three great‑grandchildren, Madison Hibbert, Sophia Hibbert, and Riley Hibbert; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of James Bobby Roberts of Kershaw 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. Suzanne L. Roberts for the family.

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