**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LANDIS D. PRICE, A MAN WITH TRUE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AND EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2020 POULTRY FESTIVAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN.

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is pleased to learn that Landis D. Price has been named the 2020 Poultry Festival Distinguished Citizen by the South Carolina Poultry Festival; and

Whereas, the fifth of six children born to the late Woodrow and Marjorie Sease Price, young Landis worked on the family farm in Gilbert, insisting to all that he wanted to be a funeral director; and

Whereas, after graduating from Gilbert High School on a Thursday in 1972, Mr. Price began his career in funeral service the following Monday, working for Clyde M. Barr at Barr Funeral Home; and

Whereas, he earned money in any way he could: washing cars, cutting grass, digging graves, installing markers, and serving the community as an EMT, a non‑existent job until the mid 1970s as those responsibilities were performed by local funeral homes; and

Whereas, after attending evening classes at Midlands Technical College to meet the educational requirements for licensed funeral directors, his dream became a reality in 1978; and

Whereas, other opportunities existed for him, but he continued to work for Mr. Barr, and in 1985, he purchased the business, renaming it Barr‑Price Funeral Home in 1988. Established in 1890, Barr‑Price is the oldest family‑owned funeral home in the Midlands; and

Whereas, Mr. Price expanded his service to the community, founding Lexington Chapel in 1997 and opening Palmetto Cremations in 2006. He continues to serve as general manager of Ridge Crest Memorial Park; and

Whereas, devoted to his community, Mr. Price served on the Steering Committee of the South Carolina Poultry Festival since its inception in 1986 in many capacities: advertising sales, food vendors, cake auction, and T‑shirt distribution; and

Whereas, a past president and secretary‑treasurer of the Leesville Merchant’s Association, he served on the board of directors for the Batesburg‑Leesville Chamber of Commerce, as well as serving the Batesburg‑Leesville Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter, holding the office of its secretary‑treasurer for eighteen years; and

Whereas, a member of the Batesburg‑Leesville Rotary Club, Mr. Price served as its president and secretary‑treasurer and was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. In 2018, Governor Henry McMaster bestowed on him the Order of the Silver Crescent; and

Whereas, he is a lifetime member of the Batesburg‑Leesville Masonic Lodge #138, a life member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and a member of the Lexington County Friends of the Library and the Lexington Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Mr. Price is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and South Carolina Funeral Directors Association and has long partnered with Lexington County School District 3; and

Whereas, together with Sheryl, his beloved wife of forty‑three years, he reared two fine children, Lan Price and Julie Price Rogers, and they have blessed him with the affection of five grandchildren and one great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, he and his family are faithful members of Wittenberg Lutheran Church where he served on Church Council and as a lay reader and worship assistant. A life member and former president of the Western Conference of Lutheran Men, he was the first convener of the Western Conference. Grateful that the Lord has blessed him, he seeks to do the same for others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Landis D. Price, a man with true Christian character and exemplary community contributions and achievements, and congratulate him upon being named the 2020 Poultry Festival Distinguished Citizen.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Landis D. Price.

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