**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF LILLIE G. HILL AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Lillie G. Hill on May 15, 2020 at the venerable age of ninety-seven; and

Whereas, a native of Gresham, South Carolina, Lillie G. Hill became a resident of Charleston in 1945 after marrying Reynard P. Hill. She was widowed in 1958 and reared her two daughters, Olivia and Rosalyn; and

Whereas, Mrs. Hill began her teaching career in 1956 at Jane Edwards Elementary School on Edisto Island and later taught at Columbus Street Elementary School and Memminger Elementary School, where she was key in Charleston’s plan to integrate the school. In this latter role, she mentored many young teachers and helped staff make a seamless adjustment. She ultimately retired from teaching in 1984; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Mrs. Hill found her faith in her childhood, when she attended the church her grandfather Duncan K. Godbold had founded, White Hill Baptist in Gresham. Upon moving to Charleston, she became a member of Morris Street Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, Baptist training union director, vacation Bible school director, and chairperson of Easter Sunday children’s programs. She participated at the county and state levels of the Baptist Association and, for many years, traveled to various cities for the National Baptist Convention USA; and

Whereas, an active leader in the Charleston community, Mrs. Hill served as a member and leader of the Charleston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., member and chair of the Constituent School Board #20, and secretary of Burke High School PTA. With Burke High School, she attended every football and basketball game, along with proms and dances, and even though she was not a graduate of the school, she developed a relationship with the school so strong that she felt as though she was a member of each graduating class; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are honored to remember the life and accomplishments of this incredible daughter of South Carolina. She 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 Lillie G. Hill and extend their deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lillie G. Hill.

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