**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE GEORGE FUNERAL HOME UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE BUSINESS FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE GREATER AIKEN COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to recognize George Funeral Home of Aiken as it celebrates the important milestone of its one hundredth anniversary; and

Whereas, one of the first funeral homes in South Carolina, George Funeral Home was founded in 1920 by Mr. Demetrius Mayo “D. M.” George, who attended the Cincinnati School of Embalming. George Funeral Home’s original location was at 1816 Richland Avenue, and the home contained six rooms: a front office, two large display rooms, an embalming room, a morgue, a stock room, and a chapel; and

Whereas, George Funeral Home quickly outgrew its original location, and in 1948, the George family purchased its current location on Park Avenue. This building, named “Deodora,” has a long history dating back to 1869, having served as a boarding house, as part of Aiken’s famous “Winter Colony,” and as lodging for traveling soldiers and government workers. The house is over 8,500 square feet and has three floors and a full basement. Upon purchase, the George family added a chapel and renovated its interior; and

Whereas, a few months after the funeral home’s move, D. M. George died, and his son Albert ran the business until his death in 1976. The business was then entrusted to Joseph McClellan, a longtime employee of the George family. Upon his retirement, the business was sold to Ray and Alicia Visotski; and

Whereas, in 2018, the funeral home was purchased by Cody L. Anderson, a life‑long Aiken County resident and funeral director and the fourth individual owner of the historic business; and

Whereas, over the years, George Funeral Home has provided the community with a wide range of services, from an ambulance service to calendar distribution. Today, the home remains committed to caring for families and celebrating lives; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate greatly appreciate the dedicated service of George Funeral Home and its staff to Aiken County and the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate George Funeral Home upon the occasion of its one hundredth anniversary and commend the business for its many years of service to Aiken County and its citizens and families.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to George Funeral Home.

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