**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DAVID S. NEILSON OF DARLINGTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the death of David S. Neilson of Darlington on October 4, 2018; and

Whereas, born the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neilson in Chicago, Dave Neilson lived most of his life in South Carolina. He graduated from Aiken High School and earned his four‑year letterman scholarship for basketball with the University of South Carolina, where he majored in business; and

Whereas, answering the call of his country, this patriotic American served our great nation in the United States Army; and

Whereas, affectionately known as Coach Dave, he was instrumental in starting the first A&W Root Beer franchise. He also taught history and marketing at St. John’s High School in Darlington, which later became Darlington High School. He coached basketball at St. John’s for many years, and his 1983 team finished with an undefeated 27-0 record, winning the 3-A boys state championship. After retirement, he continued his coaching career at Byrnes Academy in Quinby; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Dave Neilson was a member of Central Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. He also officiated with South Carolina’s independent schools in football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. When his schedule allowed, he enjoyed performing magic shows. He was an inspiration to many; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his brother, Colonel Eugene Neilson, Dave Neilson leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, former South Carolina House member Denny Woodall Neilson; his brothers‑in‑law, G. Michael Woodall and S.Y. “Woody” Woodall (Brenda); his sisters‑in‑law, Katherine W. Cartee and Bette Hair (William); his nieces and nephews, Lawrence Woodall, Gary Cartee, Esq., Caylor Nuthe, Kimberly Chandler, Kim James (Roy), Sherri Gaulin, and Vic Woodall; and a host of other family members and loving friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of David S. Neilson of Darlington and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Denny Neilson for the family.

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