**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILSON LLOYD CLYBURN OF CAMDEN AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Wilson Lloyd Clyburn of Camden on January 11, 2019; and

Whereas, born on October 15, 1943, in Kershaw County, Wilson was the youngest child of his parents, Charlie Clyburn, Sr., and Hettie Lloyd Clyburn, who reared him in a devoted Christian home. Young Wilson was baptized at an early age and became a member of the St. John Baptist Church in Camden; and

Whereas, he attended Jackson Elementary and Jackson Junior High in the early years and graduated from Jackson High School, where he was a star football athlete. He went on to further his educational studies at Sumter Area Technical College; and

Whereas, in 1965, he wed the love of his life, Dorothy McKenney Clyburn, and they were married for fifty‑three wonderful years. The joy of their lives came when their son Bruce was born, an event that completed their happiness; and

Whereas, Wilson Clyburn was employed by the Camden Police Department in 1974 and was promoted from patrolman to sergeant in a short period of time. Having been honored for his work on numerous occasions, including as Policeman of the Year, Sergeant Clyburn retired after twenty‑five years of unselfish, loyal, and dedicated service to the City of Camden on March 23, 1999. Wilson also owned his own small brickmason company; and

Whereas, Wilson Clyburn was a very active member of his church, the Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Lugoff. He was ordained as a deacon on April 20, 2008, and served faithfully for twenty years. Deacon Clyburn was a strong financial supporter of his church, a choir member, and leader. One of his favorite songs to lead was “Victory Is Mine!” He cared deeply about the upkeep of the church and welfare of each individual church member. Deacon Clyburn was honored by the church for his faithfulness and dedication on March 18, 2018; and

Whereas, a man with a very strong sense of humor, Wilson loved telling corny jokes and putting a smile on your face. On the side of Wilson’s old blue Fred Sanford‑looking work truck, in which he and Bruce would ride proudly, he had hand‑painted D.O.T. With a jolly laugh, he would tell everyone it was the abbreviation for the Department of Transportation. It actually stood for Dorothy, his wife, whom he loved and affectionately called “Dot.” In truth, he loved his entire family. Having many family members and friends over at his home for their Labor Day weekend cookout was a great event he looked forward to annually; and

Whereas, Wilson Clyburn leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Dorothy McKenney Clyburn; his son, Bruce Clyburn; brothers and sisters Clyde (Willie Mae) Clyburn of Camden, Dorothy Bell Alexander of Youngstown, Ohio, Willie Mae Allen of Mattapan, Massachusetts/Youngstown, Ohio, Louise Webb of Atlanta, Georgia, Viva Lee (James) Baker of Brooklyn, New York, and William (Beverly) Clyburn of Aiken; and a host of other relatives and 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 their profound sorrow upon the passing of Wilson Lloyd Clyburn of Camden 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. Dorothy McKenney Clyburn for the family.

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