**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BENJAMIN TILLMAN “TILLY” HUGHES OF HORRY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Benjamin Tillman “Tilly” Hughes at the age of eighty‑seven on Monday, January 7, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Loris on April 5, 1931, he was the son of the late Jessie Ferd Hughes and Augusta Ada Dillard Hughes, one of seven sons and three daughters; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of sons of South Carolina, Mr. Hughes served his country with distinction in the United States Air Force for twenty years; and

Whereas, upon his retirement from the Air Force, he served the Loris and Conway communities as an optician; and

Whereas, he was a longtime member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, where he faithfully served as a deacon and taught a men’s Sunday school class; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of fifty‑three years, Audrey Hughes, he reared a fine son, Eric Ben Hughes of Loris. He was blessed with the affection of two granddaughters, Jessica Kelly Hughes of Longs and Casey Willard of Hamlet, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Tilly Hughes and for the example of service and kindness he set for all who knew 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 Benjamin Tillman “Tilly” Hughes of Horry County and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Benjamin Tillman “Tilly” Hughes.

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