**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROBERT ADAMS VI OF WAVERING PLACE PLANTATION AND COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are deeply saddened by the passing of Robert Adams VI of Wavering Place Plantation and Columbia on January 26, 2019, at the age of fifty‑five; and

Whereas, born July 3, 1963, in Columbia to Ambassador Weston Adams and Elizabeth Nicholson Nelson Adams, Ph.D., Robert Adams was a preeminent State House lobbyist, noted conservationist, and civic leader. His family’s history included many men and women who, like Robert, labored for the well‑being of the local community and our State and nation. Robert and his brother Weston together owned their family plantation, Wavering Place, carrying on an unbroken line of Adams ownership dating back to 1768, when Joel Adams settled there. Robert’s other notable ancestors include three governors, U.S. Senator John Hunter, Revolutionary War General Richard Richardson, and Betsy Ross, the maker of the first American flag; and

Whereas, he was educated at Hammond School and Clemson University and was a devoted Tiger fan with his sons at Clemson sporting events. Further, Robert’s thirteen summers at Camp Deerwoode in Brevard, North Carolina, where he was a camper, junior counselor, counselor, and camp director, were a formative influence in his life that helped instill in him a strong work ethic, paired with an instinct for adventure; and

Whereas, inspired to enter Republican political life by the sterling example of his father, who served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and as U.S. ambassador to Malawi under President Reagan, Robert began his political career as a Republican campaign consultant, working on President George H.W. Bush’s successful 1988 campaign for president. He also worked for the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C. Robert went on to run campaigns for U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond, Governor David Beasley, and Congressman Joe Wilson, among others; and

Whereas, he also served in the administrations of Governor Beasley and Governor Mark Sanford before beginning his lobbying career. Robert was a State House lobbyist with McGuire Woods Consulting, where he worked with former Governor Jim Hodges and other close friends; and

Whereas, a noted conservationist, Robert was instrumental in his family’s decision to give the Congaree Land Trust a conservation easement on Wavering Place and also served on the Congaree Land Trust Board of Directors. Additionally, he served on the Kensington Plantation Foundation Board of Directors; and

Whereas, most fundamentally, Robert was a loyal, dependable, and loving friend to many people and the keystone of many different social groups of which he was a member. He served as president of the St. Andrews Society of Columbia; and

Whereas, Robert Adams leaves to cherish his memory his dear wife, Shana Voll Adams; his sons, PFC Joel Adams and Robert Adams VII; his parents; his brothers, Weston Adams III, the Reverend Daniel Wallace Adams‑Riley, and Julian Calhoun Adams II; and a host of other friends and family members, including many friends in the South Carolina House of Representatives. He will be remembered as a beloved and respected South Carolina leader, one who will be greatly missed. 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 Robert Adams VI of Wavering Place Plantation and Columbia, celebrate his life, 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. Shana Adams for the family.

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