**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF BENETH PETERS JONES OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY, TO THE BOB JONES UNIVERSITY FAMILY, AND TO HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Beneth Peters Jones at the age of eighty‑one on February 2, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Albany, Oregon, on July 19, 1937, Beneth Peters spent her formative years in Olympia, Washington, and moved with her family to Phoenix, Arizona, when she was thirteen, where she attended Phoenix Christian Academy, showing talent in both music and speech; and

Whereas, she traveled across the country to enroll in Bob Jones University (BJU) in the fall of 1955, where she studied interpretative speech and was heavily involved in campus productions; and

Whereas, the most memorable role for the young Beneth was her first theatrical role at BJU. Chosen as a sophomore for the role of Roxane, the female romantic lead in *Cyrano de Bergerac*, she starred opposite her future husband, Bob Jones III, who had the role of Christian, the play’s male romantic lead; and

Whereas, the couple married in December of 1959 during their first year of graduate school at BJU, and both completed postgraduate work at Northwestern University in Illinois. Together they reared three children: one daughter Roxane, named for the role that brought them together, and two sons, Bob IV and Stephen. Her children blessed her with the affection of six grandchildren and five great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, when “Dr. Bob,” as her husband was fondly known, became the university’s president, Mrs. Jones became its first lady, teaching speech and women’s ministry classes, directing and performing in plays and the *Living Gallery*, writing thirteen books, and recording a syndicated radio program, all of which exerted a meaningful impact on thousands inside and outside the university; and

Whereas, her impact was keenly appreciated at Midway Bible Church, where she was a faithful member and beloved by many who felt the sincerity of her counsel, her prayers, her one‑of‑a‑kind sense of humor, and her love for them; and

Whereas, throughout her own trials, Mrs. Jones learned an important biblical truth that she often shared: God can bring beauty from the ashes. She frequently reminded her children that the hero of their story on earth is the great God of the Universe and that He deserves the best, so she charged them to represent Him well; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the life and legacy of this woman of God, whose life was not spent but invested for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the members appreciate the standard of excellence she set for all who knew her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, remember and celebrate the life of Beneth Peters Jones of Greenville County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family, to the Bob Jones University family, and to her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Beneth Peters Jones.

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