**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF VICTORIA THERESA ADDISON MIDDLETON OF ST. STEPHEN AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Victoria Theresa Addison Middleton of St. Stephen on February 20, 2019; and

Whereas, a granddaughter of the Reverend John and Mrs. Susan Jefferson, Reverend Jefferson being the founder of Day Dawn Baptist Church, Mother Victoria came into this world on September 24, 1925, as one of five children born to Clint and Matilda Jefferson‑Addison of Pineville. In the fullness of time, Victoria wed Benjamin Middleton, God blessing the couple with seventy years of marriage and a large family of ten that included two nephews. She reared her children with this philosophy: “Do your best as unto the Lord and give back”; and

Whereas, in and through her life, Victoria Middleton daily glorified God. A prayer warrior and a woman of strong faith, she was a student of the Word and a former Sunday school teacher and superintendent. She enjoyed sharing the love of Christ through the giving of her humble resources and God‑given gifts and talents. She delighted in blessing and inspiring others through the gift of song and word of wisdom; and

Whereas, Victoria studied nursing with Maude Callen, nurse for Berkeley County, and became a licensed practical nurse and trained midwife; and

Whereas, an avid reader and a very much in‑charge, hard‑working personality, she was the matriarch of her family. As a stylish and classic dresser, she was lovingly and appropriately labeled “Queen Victoria.” She turned many heads as a young woman and continued to do the same as the years went by; and

Whereas, Mrs. Middleton leaves to cherish her memory her children, Elder Joyce Ann Middleton Eady, Capers S. (Barbara) Middleton, Pastor Clinton (Pastor Gloria) Middleton, Minister Maude E. Middleton, Minister Phyllis M. (Herbert) Mitchell, Rosette L. Middleton, Pastor Laura L. Pierce, Ruby (George) Crumpler, and Dr. Franklin J. Addison, as well as a host of other family members and friends. She will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Victoria Theresa Addison Middleton of St. Stephen and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Victoria Theresa Addison Middleton.

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