**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM GERALD BROOKS OF HORRY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of William Gerald Brooks at the age of eighty‑two on Friday, July 13, 2018; and

Whereas, born in Conway on November 20, 1935, he was a son of the late Gerald Ruthledge Brooks and the late Mary Belle Bellamy Brooks, and he grew up on the family farm in the Camp Swamp Community; and

Whereas, a graduate of Loris High School, Mr. Brooks joined the United States Air Force and served his country with distinction during the Korean Conflict in the patriotic tradition of the sons of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor’s degree in 1961 and a master’s degree in 1962, both in agricultural engineering from Clemson University, and was a proud member of IPTAY for over forty years; and

Whereas, even though he continued to farm throughout his life, Mr. Brooks taught at Loris High School before going to work in 1966 at Horry Georgetown Technical College, retiring as its vice president in 1993; and

Whereas, a longtime and faithful member of Camp Swamp United Methodist Church, Mr. Brooks served his community as past president of the Loris Jaycees and as a member of the Conway Civitans; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Betty Hardee Brooks, he reared two fine children, Barry G. Brooks and Kelly Brooks Strickland, who blessed him with the affection of seven grandchildren: Reese, William, Ashton, Justin, Jayson, Jason, and Jordan. He was blessed to see the continuation of his loving legacy in his first great‑grandchild, Jaxton; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of William Brooks and for the example of service and sacrifice 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 William Gerald Brooks of Horry County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of William Gerald Brooks.

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