**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF HAROLD SMITH WALKER OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Harold Smith Walker of Chesterfield County on March 9, 2019, at the age of eighty‑seven; and

Whereas, born January 9, 1932, in Catawba to William Edgar Walker, Jr., and Janie Elizabeth Smith, Harold Smith Walker enlisted in the United States Navy after high school, training as a hospital corpsman and medical lab technician and serving during the Korean War. Following active duty, he remained in the Naval Reserves for an additional thirty‑four years and attained the highest enlisted rank of master chief. Harold received a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina and a master’s degree from Winthrop. He was director of the clinical pathology lab at York General Hospital and Piedmont Medical Center for thirty‑seven years. During this time, he started the MLT Program at York Technical College; and

Whereas, this resident of Bethesda was very active in his church, community, and various organizations, including the Masons, Boy Scouts, ASCP, Bethesda VFD, American Legion, and York County Historical Commission. He served as a deacon, elder, Sunday School teacher, and president of the Men of the Church. Harold served as Scoutmaster of Troop 161 for twenty‑five years and fifty years ago organized the troop at Bethesda. He served as chairman of the York County Historical Commission and during this time was instrumental in the acquisition of the actual site of the Revolutionary War skirmish at Historic Brattonsville, as well as in the establishment of the Historical Center of York County at the McCelvey Center in York. His hobbies were gardening, genealogy, history, and reading; and

Whereas, predeceased by his young daughter, Karen Elizabeth Walker, Harold is survived by his loving and faithful wife of fifty‑nine years, Patsy Burgess Walker; their two sons, John Elliott “Johnny” Walker (Joni) and Robert Harold “Bobby” Walker, both of Rock Hill; his grandson, Kenneth James Walker (Lauren) of Columbia; his granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Walker (Alex Loftin) of Charlotte; his great‑grandson, Bradley Finn Walker; and a host of other family members and friends. He 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 Harold Smith Walker of Chesterfield County 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. Patsy Burgess Walker for the family.

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