**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ARVILLA STODDARD OF PICKENS COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Arvilla Stoddard at the age of eighty‑four on March 25, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Richmondville, New York, on April 1, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Mabel Hayes and always clarified that she had been born on Easter Sunday, not on April Fool’s Day; and

Whereas, Mrs. Stoddard earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Cortland State University in New York in 1955, and she and her beloved husband and companion of more than sixty‑two years, Roy Stoddard, were married in 1955; and

Whereas, in 1956, Mr. Stoddard joined the United States Navy where he spent the next thirty‑two years serving his country, but she always maintained that she was the Admiral; and

Whereas, as they traveled throughout the world on his military assignments, Mrs. Stoddard taught kindergarten for many years in New York, California, Virginia, Georgia, and Taiwan; and

Whereas, together Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard reared three fine children Mark, Harold, and Beth. Her children blessed her with the affection of five loving grandchildren: Alan, Andrew, Michael, Greg, and Tracey, and five great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a lifelong Presbyterian, she was a member of the Pickens Presbyterian Church, and over the years, she taught Sunday school, was a counselor for Christian youth retreats, led devotionals for her camping groups, served as a church elder, and always joined the Women’s Circle in every church they attended wherever they were stationed; and

Whereas. Mrs. Stoddard was a lifelong member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was a member of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), where women celebrate the advancement of women; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Arvilla Stoddard and for the example of grace and kindness 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, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Arvilla Stoddard of Pickens County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Arvilla Stoddard.

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