**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CICELY CHAPMAN MCCRAY OF CHARLESTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, Cicely Chapman McCray, a beloved wife, mother, aunt, and friend, was called home to glory on May 3, 2019; and

Whereas, Cicely was born in Dayton, Ohio to the late Reverend Dr. Horace DeVore Chapman and Linda Graham Chapman on May 1, 1973; and

Whereas, Cicely was an alumna of Colonel White High School for the Arts and graduated cum laude from Alabama A&M University, earning a bachelor’s degree in telecommunications and English. She further pursued her education at Ohio State University where she obtained a master’s degree in education administration and leadership; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Cicely was an active member of Royal Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston where she served as a Deaconess, as well as the education chair and vice chair for the Royal Foundation. Cicely was also involved in the married couple’s ministry, the education ministry, and contributed monthly to the church’s Royal Gazette newsletter; and

Whereas, a loyal, dependable, and loving friend to many, Cicely was the keystone of many different social groups and organizations. As civic leader, she served on the board for Black Pages. She was also a member of the Charleston chapter of The Links, Incorporated, the Charleston alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, National School Public Relations Association, National Association of Family, School, and Community Engagement, and Avery Research Afro American History and Culture; and

Whereas, Cicely leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband, Marreo McCray, Sr.; her children, Arrington McCray, Marreo McCray, Jr., and Tanisha McCray; her mother, Linda Chapman; her mother‑in‑law, Dorothy McCray; her cousins, Jesse Graham and Gregory and April Williams; her brothers‑in‑law, Felix M. McCray and Matrell J. McCray; and a host of other loving relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing 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 the profound sorrow of the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives upon the passing of Cicely Chapman McCray of Charleston and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

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