**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RONALD “RONNIE” YOUNG OF AIKEN COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR PROFOUND SORROW TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were genuinely saddened to learn of the death of their highly respected colleague Ronnie Young at the age of seventy-one on May 19, 2019; and

Whereas, born on August 19, 1947, he was the son of the late Norris and the late Earlene Renew Young, and he attended Leavelle McCampbell and graduated from Langley‑Bath‑Clearwater High School; and

Whereas, before Representative Young was elected to the House of Representatives, he served for more that two decades as chairman of the Aiken County Council, bringing the county its largest economic development projects; and

Whereas, with great vigor and a deep sense of responsibility, he served his community as a past chairman of Valley Public Service Authority, past president of Graniteville Exchange Club, and past member and past president‑elect of the South Carolina Association of Counties. He also served on the Aiken County School Board and the board of directors of the Lower Savannah River Council of Governments, serving twice as its chairman; and

Whereas, Representative Young was elected to serve the citizens of Aiken County’s District 84 in the South Carolina House of Representatives in 2017 and began serving in May of that year. He served as the first vice chair of the Education and Public Works Committee and as a member of the Rules Committee; and

Whereas, for his remarkable service to the Palmetto State, he was honored recently by Governor Henry McMaster with South Carolina’s Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Sweetwater Church of God, Representative Young resided in the community of Clearwater; and

Whereas, he is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Napier, to whom he was married for forty-eight years; a sister, Patricia Boyd, of Warrenville; and two brothers-in-law, a sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Tabatha Young, and his brother, Terry Young; and

Whereas, highly respected by his colleagues, he was often sought for his keen and perceptive advice, and he diligently pursued solutions to the state’s major issues; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the life and legacy of Ronnie Young, and the members will long appreciate the outstanding example of public service set by our trusted friend and colleague. 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 deepest sympathy upon the passing of the Honorable Ronald “Ronnie” Young of Aiken County and extend their profound sorrow to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable Ronald “Ronnie” Young.

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