**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS HEARTFELT SORROW AT THE PASSING OF DR. EMILY ENGLAND CLYBURN, WHO DEPARTED THIS WORLD ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, it is altogether appropriate and proper that the South Carolina House of Representatives pause to remember the exemplary life of an influential woman, Dr. Emily England Clyburn, who departed her earthly home for her heavenly one on September 19, 2019, at the age of eighty; and

Whereas, born in Whitesville in Berkeley County, Dr. Clyburn graduated from Berkeley Training High School in Moncks Corner before going on to earn her bachelor’s degree in library science from South Carolina State University (SCSU) in 1961. In 1977, she earned her masters in librarianship from the University of South Carolina (UofSC). She was also granted an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from SCSU in 2010; and

Whereas, Dr. Clyburn dedicated her professional career to librarianship, establishing the library at Fairwold Middle School, serving as head librarian at the Naval Hospital in Charleston and as assistant librarian at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia. Additionally, she helped raise tens of thousands of dollars to help students afford college, a noble commitment; and

Whereas, she will be further remembered through the Emily England Clyburn Honors Scholarship Fund established at SCSU and by the Dr. Emily England Clyburn Pedestrian Bridge in Orangeburg that crosses Chestnut Street; and

Whereas, her legacy will continue to live through her three daughters, Mignon Clyburn, Jennifer Reed, and Angela Hannibal, who have followed in their mother’s footsteps as fixtures of their communities in various capacities, including a former commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission and the South Carolina Public Service Commission, a career educator currently at UofSC, and a political director of the State Democratic Party; and

Whereas, Dr. Clyburn was married to the love of her life, United States Congressman and House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn, for fifty‑eight blissful years. In addition to their three cherished daughters, their union was further blessed with four grandchildren, Walter A. Clyburn Reed, Sydney Alexis Reed, Layla Hannibal, and Carter James Clyburn Hannibal; and

Whereas, Dr. Clyburn’s good works will be cherished by many who were impacted by her philanthropy. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those she impacted with her generous spirit and dynamic personality. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express heartfelt sorrow at the passing of Dr. Emily England Clyburn, who departed this world on the morning of September 19, 2019, and extend the deepest sympathy to her loving family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable James E. Clyburn.

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