**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF TONI KIRKLAND DAY OF WEST COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Toni Kirkland Day of West Columbia on October 18, 2019, at the age of forty‑one; and

Whereas, born on May 29, 1978, Toni was the daughter of Dwane and Merrie Kirkland of Columbia. The young Toni graduated from Brookland‑Cayce High School and the University of South Carolina, having earned a degree in political science at that venerable institution; and

Whereas, for thirteen years, Toni served as a member of the University of South Carolina Athletics Department staff, beginning with the Gamecock Club in 2006. For the past five years, she was an administrative assistant for the equestrian program. To this lifelong Gamecock fan, working in such an environment felt completely natural. As she expressed it, “I have grown up a Gamecock my entire life, as [has] my entire family. It was ingrained, imbedded in me.” Away from the office, she was a devoted wife and an amazing mother to her twin boys; and

Whereas, a princess since birth, Toni was a member of Dance Theatre of Columbia through high school, most notably playing the Lobster in *Alice in Wonderland*.

Whereas, Toni long will be fondly remembered for her vibrant personality, loving spirit, infectious smile, and her impact on the lives of so many; and

Whereas, she leaves to treasure her memory her loving husband of thirteen years, Dustin; her two boys, Kirkland and Trotter; her brother, Kris (Sherry) Kirkland; her nephew, Jon‑Eric; her great‑aunt, Jackie Browder; her aunts, Lynn (Bob) Diggle, Joy (John) English, Dawn (Jimmy) Callahan, Patti (David) Rosenfeld, Donna Kirkland, and Sherri Kirkland; her uncle, Richard (Angie) Hicks; and many special cousins. She is also survived by her mother‑in‑love, Gail Day; and her brother‑in‑law, Richard (Ashley) Day. 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 their profound sorrow upon the passing of Toni Kirkland Day of West Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dustin Day for the family.

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