**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DESMOND A. BEDFORD OF RIDGEVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Desmond A. Bedford of Ridgeville on December 3, 2019, at the age of thirty‑seven; and

Whereas, born September 23, 1982, in Richland County, Desmond Bedford, affectionately known as “Big Dezz,” was the son of Joyce Crawford Glover and the late Anthony Dwayne “Tony” Bedford. He attended the public schools of Colleton County, where he participated in the high school ROTC program; and

Whereas, after high school graduation, Desmond enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, in which he served from 2000 through 2005. He was relieved of his duties and honorably discharged with the rank of lance corporal. Following his service in the military, Desmond did odd jobs until he began working at Vault. Upon leaving that company, he went to work at the Boeing aircraft plant in North Charleston, where he was employed at the time of his death; and

Whereas, as a young person of faith, Desmond joined Sandhill United Methodist Church at an early age. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Abiding Word Family Ministries of Moncks Corner; and

Whereas, “Big Dezz” enjoyed spending time with family and friends, laughing, having fun, and helping others. Family meant everything to him. He also enjoyed fixing up his cars and placing them in various car shows throughout the Southeast. He attended car shows in Atlanta, Myrtle Beach, and Charleston. He was very proud of his work with cars and the friends he made who shared this passion; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his father and by his grandparents Evelyn Walker, Burnie (Dollie) Crawford, and Purvis Crawford, Desmond Bedford leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Joyce (Kenneth) Glover; two daughters, Aamira Sari Bedford and Aaliyah Neveah Bedford; his grandparents, Herbert (Kim) Crawford and Tina Williams; his great‑grandmother, Ruth Siders; four uncles, Clarence Dukes, Frankie Williams, Larry Glover, and Rudolph (Shelia) Glover; two brothers, Jaron J. Bedford and Tony D. Bedford; one sister, Ebony J. Jordan; a special friend, Moneat Williams; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Desmond A. Bedford of Ridgeville and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Joyce Glover for the family.

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