**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BENNIE A. MATTHEWS, SR., OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Bennie A. Matthews, Sr., at the age of seventy‑one on December 30, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Sandusky on July 17, 1948, he was a son of Achie and Odell Phillips Matthews, the fourth of their fifteen children; and

Whereas, reared in this large and loving family, he learned the value of honest labor and the importance of family; and

Whereas, Mr. Matthews was employed with the City of Sandusky Water Department, and he retired in 2011; and

Whereas, he faithfully attended City of Deliverance International Ministries under the pastorate of Bishop Steve Robinson; and

Whereas, Mr. Matthews reared three fine children: Bennie A. Matthews, Jr., of Woodstock, Virginia; Kevin P. Matthews of Waldorf, Maryland; and LaToria S. Matthews of Largo, Maryland. His children blessed him with the affection of two adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, although Mr. Matthews had numerous siblings in Sandusky, others lived in Atlanta, Georgia; Evansville, Indiana; and Chicago, Illinois. He also leaves many nieces and nephews to cherish fond memories of him; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Bennie Matthews and for the example he set for all who knew 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 their profound sorrow upon the passing of Bennie A. Matthews, Sr., of Sandusky, Ohio, and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Bennie A. Matthews, Sr.

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