**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES “EARL” SPAIN OF HORRY COUNTY 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 James “Earl” Spain at the age of eighty‑two on December 21, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Conway on April 25, 1937, Earl Spain was the son of James H. Spain and Cleo Middleton Spain, and he graduated from Whittemore High School in Conway in 1954; and

Whereas, after high school he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the 511th Airborne Infantry. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree from Claflin University in 1961, where he played football and served as captain of the football team; and

Whereas, in 1959, Mr. Spain pledged to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and became a life member, and he was a charter member of the Conway/Myrtle Beach Alumni Chapter; and

Whereas, from 1961 to 1964, he worked as a physical education teacher and football coach in Bamberg, as an educational coordinator for the New York Department of Recreation, and as a probation officer for the Philadelphia Juvenile Court System; and

Whereas, in 1965, Mr. Spain returned to Horry County and married his beloved wife and childhood friend, Priscilla Robinson. Together they reared two fine children, Melondy Spain Moultrie and James “Jes” E. Spain II. His children blessed him with the love of three adoring grandchildren, Brandon Campbell and Faith and Morgan Moultrie, and one great‑granddaughter, Paris Campbell; and

Whereas, he began teaching physical education at Whittemore High School and coaching football. When the Horry County Schools integrated in 1970, he moved to Socastee High School for two years with a passion for supporting and encouraging many of the youth in Horry County as a mentor and as “Coach”; and

Whereas, in 1972, Mr. Spain began serving the children of Horry County through the Family Court and the Department of Juvenile Justice, serving for over twenty years until his retirement; and

Whereas, he returned to work for Horry County government at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center and began serving in 2002 as bailiff for the Horry County Sheriff’s Department until his health failed; and

Whereas, baptized in 1965, Mr. Spain was a faithful member of Cherry Hill Missionary Baptist Church where he sang in the church choir and served as a trustee; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Earl Spain, for his infectious humor, and for the example of compassion 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 James “Earl” Spain of Horry County 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 James “Earl” Spain.

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