**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THOMAS VERNON “BUDDY” OWENS OF HORRY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was saddened to learn of the death of Thomas Vernon “Buddy” Owens at the age of seventy‑seven on Friday, December 6, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Conway, he was a son of the late Will and Eulee Cannon Owens; and

Whereas, Mr. Owens was a member of the Horry Masonic Lodge #381, and he retired from the South Carolina National Guard; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Linda Lee Owens of Conway, he reared two fine children, Tony Owens of Conway and Amy Hewitt of Loris; and

Whereas, Mr. Owens’ children blessed him with the affection of five grandchildren: Caroline Owens, Drake Owens, Brandon Hewitt, Douston Hewitt, and Ryan Hewitt. He also enjoyed several great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Buddy Owens and for the example he set for those 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 Thomas Vernon “Buddy” Owens 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 Thomas Vernon “Buddy” Owens.

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