**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES MARION MCCABE, SR., OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of James Marion McCabe, Sr., of Columbia on December 31, 2019, at the venerable age of ninety‑six; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on October 14, 1923, James Marion McCabe was the son of James Monroe McCabe and Sallie Watts McCabe. From a very young age and throughout his life, James was deeply devoted to family, friends, and Colonial Heights, the community in which he was raised. Long before graduating from Columbia High School in 1942, he took great pride in serving his neighbors by delivering the newspaper. Mr. McCabe credited this job with teaching him the importance of thriftiness, punctuality, and courtesy in the workplace; and

Whereas, in April 1943, this patriotic American was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army. A member of the Greatest Generation, he was assigned to Battery “B,” 179th Field Artillery Battalion, serving in General George S. Patton’s Third Army, attached to the Fourth Armored Division. Mr. McCabe served in Normandy, Northern France, the Ardennes (where he participated in the Battle of the Bulge), the Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was awarded the European‑African‑Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five bronze service stars, the Chevalier Legion of Honor (the highest honor awarded by France), and the French Croix de Guerre with palm; and

Whereas, when World War II ended in 1945, Mr. McCabe, having been discharged at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, returned to his hometown of Columbia. While working as an apprentice electrician, James spotted the girl of his dreams, Doris Page, singing in the choir at Colonial Heights Baptist Church. They were married on June 19, 1946; and

Whereas, Mr. McCabe continued a long, successful career as a licensed electrician, spending the majority of these years employed with Inman and Associates of West Columbia and Inman Industrial Electrical Company of Jessup, Georgia, the latter of which he served as vice president. He furthered his career opportunities by receiving licensure in the majority of the Southern states. He served on a committee to upgrade the City of Columbia’s electrical code; and

Whereas, a man of faith, James McCabe was a lifelong member of New Heights Church (formally Colonial Heights Baptist Church) in Columbia. He was also a member of the Eau Claire Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and

Whereas, in 1985, James retired and devoted his days to spending quality time with his wife, family, and good friends. His grandchildren and great‑grandchildren were his pride and joy. He had a gift for entertaining his loved ones with tales of a happy, adventurous childhood filled with an abundance of love. He often remarked on how blessed he was to have lived such a fulfilling life; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his loving wife of seventy‑two years, Doris Page McCabe, James McCabe leaves to cherish his memory his children, Lynn Caba (Edward), Barbara Humphries (Donald), Sandra Tribble, and Jim McCabe (Kathy); eight grandchildren; and a host of great‑grandchildren, other family members, and cherished friends. He will be greatly missed. 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 Marion McCabe, Sr., of Columbia 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. Lynn Caba for the family.

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