**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF COLE WILSON OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Cole Wilson at the age of ninety‑five on January 2, 2019; and

Whereas, born in Kingsville on August 6, 1924, he was the son of the late Maggie Macon Wilson and the late Richard Saxby Joyner and was educated at Stoney Hill and Webber schools and at North Carolina A & T College; and

Whereas, baptized at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Kingsville, he later moved his membership to the Kingdom Builders Christian Center in Hopkins and learned early in life the importance of God and His presence in everything; and

Whereas, a devoted Christian, he taught Sunday school faithfully at St. Matthews Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Baptist Church for over thirty years and continued to teach at The Kingdom Builders Christian Center; and

Whereas, he learned the value of hard work at a young age through employment at Anchor Continental, the railroad, and many other jobs; and

Whereas, in the proud tradition of the sons of South Carolina, he served his country with distinction in the United States Navy as a Carpenter’s Mate Third Class (CM3) from December 1943 until he was honorably discharged in February 1946. He was awarded the American Area Camp Medal and World War II Victor Medal; and

Whereas, for over thirty years, he served with dedication as a mail handler for the United States Postal Service, retiring in September 1989; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, the former Emma Adams, on January 3, 1953, and he enjoyed the abundant blessings of their marriage for forty‑three years before her passing in 1996. Together they reared two fine daughters, Linda M. Wilson Bratton of Simpsonville and Leslie I. Hollins of Elgin; and

Whereas, his daughters blessed him with the affection of four grandchildren: Gerad Bratton, Malik Hollins, Whitney O. Hollins, and Ryan Bratton. He joyfully lived to see his legacy of love and faith continued in his four great‑grandchildren: Jaylen, Maliyah, Joshua King, and Shakavia; and

Whereas, he supported the preservation and communication of history as a guide on the tours of the Annual Kingsville Festival sponsored by the Kingsville Historical Foundation, providing him the delight of giving detailed lessons on history; and

Whereas, an ardent Bible student and teacher, he enthusiastically learned and taught the Lord’s Words, and he enjoyed reading the newspaper and learning from historical documentaries; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Cole Wilson and for the example of contagious love for God and devotion to learning he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Cole Wilson of Richland 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 Cole Wilson.

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