**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF EDWIN RUDOLPH “RUDY” JONES, JR., 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 Edwin Rudolph “Rudy” Jones, Jr., at the age of eighty‑one on January 31, 2020; and

Whereas, born on August 3, 1938, he was the son of Mattie Vines Mayo Jones and Edwin Rudolph Jones, and he graduated from Dillon High School; and

Whereas, in 1960, Mr. Jones earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from Clemson College where he won the coveted Norris Medal for Best All‑Around Graduating Senior. He earned both his master’s degree and doctoral degree in physics in 1965 from the University of Wisconsin; and

Whereas, he taught physics at the University of South Carolina for fifty years and became an avid Gamecock, attending all Gamecock sports. For more than twenty‑five years, he directed undergraduate studies and led the National Junior Physics Academy, the Junior Science Fair, and Physics Day at the South Carolina State Fair; and

Whereas, a lifelong educator with special interests in electronics and optics, Dr. Jones developed new courses and wrote numerous lab manuals. He authored the textbook *Solid‑State Electronics* and co‑authored *Contemporary College Physics*, which was widely used in undergraduate physics classes internationally for many years; and

Whereas, dedicated to his profession, he was an active member of the American Physical Society, the American Association of Physics Teachers, and SPIE engineering society; and

Whereas, as a teenager, Rudy Jones met the love of his life, Elizabeth “Betty” Farmer, at Camp Gravatt, an Episcopal youth summer camp in Aiken, and they were married almost sixty years. He loved traveling with his wife and family; and

Whereas, he and his wife were blessed with the joy of wonderful children: Caroline and Nathan Horn, Eddie and Tracy Jones, Bobby and Barbara Jones, Kate Jones and Lori Dietzler, Scott and Jeanne Berryhill. They blessed their parents with nine adoring grandchildren: Farris, Ellen, Beth, Rick, and Aaron Jones; Lara Soldaña, Ben Berryhill, Andy Berryhill, and Jennifer Barker. He also enjoyed their six beautiful great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a long‑time member of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, he taught Sunday school and served the church on the vestry, as senior warden, and as chairman of the Churchyard Committee. For the past twenty years, he and his wife have been active members of St. John’s Episcopal Church where he served on the vestry. He was a member of the men’s Bible study group at St. John’s and participated in the men’s Morning Prayer group at St. Michael’s; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Rudy Jones and for the example of excellence and service 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 Edwin Rudolph “Rudy” Jones, Jr., 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 Edwin Rudolph “Rudy” Jones, Jr.

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