**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. IRA BOYCE HORTON, JR., OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Ira Boyce Horton, Jr., at the age of ninety‑two on Wednesday, January 29, 2020; and

Whereas, born in Bethune in 1927, he was the son of the late Ira Boyd Horton and Ethel Lois Baker Horton; and

Whereas, in the patriotic tradition of the sons of South Carolina, Ira Horton served as a hospital Corpsman in the United States Navy, attached to the United States Marine Corps in 1945. He served as a Chief Petty Officer Pharmacy Mate at the United States Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, in 1951, he attended pharmacy school at the Medical College of South Carolina while serving on active duty in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from pharmacy school with Rho Chi honors and then immediately began study toward his medical degree; and

Whereas, after Doctor Horton graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina with membership in Alpha Omega Alpha (A.O.A.), he practiced family medicine in Orangeburg from 1959 to 1976; and

Whereas, he served a term as chief of staff at Orangeburg Regional Hospital and was president of South Carolina Academy of Family Practice from 1971 to 1972; and

Whereas, Doctor Horton received a commission as a Captain in the United States Navy by Congressional appointment in 1976. Instrumental in the founding of Navy Family Practice, he served as Chief of Family Practice at the Charleston Naval Hospital from 1976 to 1981; and

Whereas, he served as president of the Armed Forces Academy of Family Practice and moved to other Naval facilities across the United States, ending his Naval career as Chief of Medicine for the Naval Sealift Command in Bayonne, New Jersey, in 1989; and

Whereas, until his retirement in 2000, Doctor Horton served the State of South Carolina as medical director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

Whereas, a lifelong Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow, he was a lifelong member of the Navy League, the American Academy of Medicine, the South Carolina Academy of Family Practice, and Alpha Omega Alpha; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, the late Mary Anne Jones Horton, he reared two fine children, Thomas B. Horton of Mt. Pleasant and Mary Anne Horton Hollingsworth of Lexington, Kentucky. Doctor Horton was blessed with the affection of two adoring granddaughters, Eleanor R. Hollingsworth and Caroline B. Hollingsworth; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Ira Horton, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather and a lifelong follower of Jesus Christ, and for the example of service and excellence 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 Dr. Ira Boyce Horton, Jr., of Charleston County and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Ira Boyce Horton, Jr.

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