**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARSHALL EDWARD “MOE” JAMES OF RICHLAND COUNTY 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 Moe James at the age of seventy‑nine on Saturday, February 8, 2020; and

Whereas, born in Columbia on Christmas Day, 1940, he was the third of four children born to the late Willie James and Ruth Marshall James and was educated at Carver Elementary School, where he developed his athletic skills and his talent for sports; and

Whereas, Mr. James graduated from C. A. Johnson High School where he lettered in football, basketball, and tennis, and he was especially proud when his C. A. Johnson Hornets routinely beat their cross‑town rivals, the Booker T. Washington Tornados; and

Whereas, in high school he met Gloria E. Schumpert, C. A. Johnson’s 1957 homecoming queen. She became the love of his life and his beloved wife of over fifty‑four years, and together they reared three fine children: Marshall S. James, Michael F. James, and Beth M. James‑Davis. These children blessed their parents with the affection of five adoring grandchildren: Nola, Michael, Shelby, Michelle, and Aaron; and

Whereas, after graduating from high school, Mr. James first attended Iowa State University on a football scholarship. Finding it too far from home and too cold, he transferred to South Carolina State College where he earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education in 1963 while playing football for the Bulldogs; and

Whereas, he returned to Columbia to begin employment at the South Carolina Department of Corrections, serving in the Department of Inmate Education, and in 1967, he joined his father‑in‑law at F. B. Schumpert Lumber Company; and

Whereas, when Mr. Schumpert died in 1974, Mr. James became the lumber company’s president, working together with his wife at the company for over thirty‑four years and retiring in March 2008; and

Whereas, throughout his life, he enjoyed cooking all kinds of food, and his barbequed ribs were a favorite dish of everyone. In his retirement, he enjoyed tending his vegetable garden daily; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Moe James and for the example of service and strength 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 Marshall Edward “Moe” James 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 Marshall Edward “Moe” James.

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