**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MAJOR BOGDAN M. “NICK” ZLOTNICKI, U.S.A.F. (RETIRED), A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SUMTER, 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 Major Bogdan M. “Nick” Zlotnicki, U.S.A.F. (Retired), a longtime resident of Sumter, on February 3, 2020, at the venerable age of nearly eighty‑four; and

Whereas, born in Jaremcze, Poland (present‑day Ukraine), to the late Antone and Stefania Zlotnicki, Nick was one of eight siblings. The family spent World War II in Nazi labor camps before the British liberated them in 1945; and

Whereas, after arriving in the United States on June 10, 1950 (Nick’s personal “Thanksgiving Day”), the family settled in Maxton, North Carolina, as farm help. When that employment ended, Nick met a Scoutmaster who helped his father land a job at Sanford Brick and Tile. That connection led to Nick’s lifelong involvement in Boy Scouts as an adult leader; and

Whereas, Nick played varsity soccer for the University of North Carolina‑Chapel Hill before graduating in 1959. Commissioned through R.O.T.C., he spent over twenty years in the Air Force. After retiring from the military, Nick earned his master’s degree in geography at the University of South Carolina. (He liked to say the true Carolina is in Chapel Hill.) He taught high school as a second career; and

Whereas, in 1961, Nick wed the former Gladys M. Middleton, whom he met while he was stationed in Morocco and she was working for the Department of Defense in Spain. They married on the Rock of Gibraltar and traveled the world during Nick’s Air Force career, eventually retiring near Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina. Due to Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam, Nick, who earned two Bronze Star medals, was a 100%‑disabled veteran; and

Whereas, because he believed strongly in active participation in the community, Nick was involved in many civic clubs and activities, including the South Carolina State Guard. He loved the outdoors and even made a solo parachute jump at the age of sixty‑eight; and

Whereas, predeceased by his stepfather, Michael Lyczkowski, and siblings Leon Lyczkowski, Walter Lyczkowski, and Roman Lyczkowski, Nick leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of fifty‑nine years, Gladys; his daughter, Lieutenant Colonel Kristina “Tina” Boermeester (U.S.A.F., Retired) and husband Marty of Windham, New Hampshire; his son, Mike Zlotnicki and wife Renee of Garner, North Carolina; his cherished granddaughters, Katie Boermeester and Caroline, Olivia, and Nicole Zlotnicki; siblings Maria Lyczkowski‑Shipley, Zoriana Lyczkowski, John Lyczkowski, and Daria Campbell; and a host of other family members and 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 Major Bogdan M. “Nick” Zlotnicki, U.S.A.F. (Retired), a longtime resident of Sumter, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Kristina Boermeester for the family.

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