**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DAVID LEROY PADGETT, SR., OF SALUDA 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 David Leroy Padgett, Sr., of Saluda on February 26, 2020, at the venerable age of seventy‑six; and

Whereas, born in Saluda, David Leroy Padgett, Sr., was the son of Michael Herlong Padgett, Sr., and Kathryn Welch Padgett; and

Whereas, the young David earned his diploma from Saluda High School, followed by studies at Charlotte Business College, from which he graduated. He served for three years in the U.S. Navy and worked at Clarkson, Harden and Gantt before becoming the owner of Lopa Farms; and

Whereas, in God’s time, he met and married the lovely Linda Lee Long Padgett, and the couple was blessed with a fine family of three children: David, Jr., Lori, and Kimberly; and

Whereas, David Leroy Padgett, Sr., believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions led him to serve that community in several capacities. In March 1994, he was appointed commissioner of the Saluda Soil and Water District, for which he served as chairman and treasurer. Mr. Padgett also was a board member and vice president of Farmers Mutual Insurance. In recognition of his spirit of excellence and dedicated service, he was named the 1985 Conservation Farmer of the Year; and

Whereas, further, this man of faith served as chairman of the deacons at Pine Pleasant Baptist Church, his spiritual home; and

Whereas, Mr. Padgett leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Linda Lee Long Padgett; his son, David L. Padgett, Jr., (Amanda), of Saluda; his daughters, Lori P. Atkins (Roger) and Kimberly P. Hall (Nick), both of Saluda; eight grandchildren, David L. Padgett III, John Daniel Padgett, Georgia Padgett, Nathan Padgett, Aiyanna Meetze, Peyton Atkins, Peter Corley, and Delanie Capps; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing 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 David Leroy Padgett, Sr., of Saluda and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Linda Lee Long Padgett for the family.

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