**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF REUBEN RICE MACFIE III OF SPARTANBURG 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 Reuben Rice Macfie III of Spartanburg on January 31, 2020, at the venerable age of eighty‑two; and

Whereas, born in Winnsboro, Rice was an identical twin son of Reuben Rice, Jr., and Alva Stevenson Macfie, and he was one of four siblings, the others being twin brother John Franklin, sister Anne, and brother James Pringle; and

Whereas, in God’s time, he met and married the lovely Nancy Yongue Macfie, and the couple became the proud parents of two children, Ashley and Rice IV; and

Whereas, this patriotic American served his country for four years in the Coast Guard. Following his honorable discharge, he attended Clemson University and graduated from the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine. Rice practiced in Kinston, North Carolina, West Columbia, and Spartanburg, where he established a private practice. He retired from private practice and then worked for Clemson University, from which he retired as the animal health director after seventeen years; and

Whereas, during his retirement, Rice continued serving his community, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and completing over three thousand hours of service. Never one to sit still, he also relished spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren (who affectionately called him “Reub,” as did his close friends) in gardening, constructing furniture, building a farmhouse, and enjoying his beloved McGregor Farm; and

Whereas, a faithful man of God, Rice was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, and he lived his convictions. Because of his many years of veterinary practice, he was an expert in his field, and he treated both people and animals with kindness and humanity. His friendly, good‑natured character and quick wit swiftly put people at ease and gave them hope and peace. Rice was a man who made things happen and expected nothing in return. He would see a need, and his natural inclination was to see that need filled; and

Whereas, Rice Macfie III leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of fifty‑five years, Nancy Yongue Macfie; his daughter Ashley (Ray) Wall of Brisbane, Australia; his son, Rice Macfie IV of Columbia; his grandchildren, Cullen Macfie and Carolina and Zara Wall; 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 Reuben Rice Macfie III of Spartanburg 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. Nancy Yongue Macfie for the family.

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