**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE GREATEST SORROW FOR THE TRAGIC PASSING OF AVERY LASHAY MCARTHUR ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020, AND TO OFFER HIS FAMILY THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY DURING THIS IMMENSE HARDSHIP.

Whereas, Avery was the son of Evangela and Alex McArthur III of Bennettsville, South Carolina. On September 8, 2020, the community lost a strong, smart, generous young man who had his whole life ahead of him; and

Whereas, Avery was an honor roll student at Marlboro County High School. He was able to balance extracurricular activities such as: Beta Club, a multitude of mentoring roles, yearbook staff, jazz band, track and field, and several other activities, while also serving with distinction on the Principal’s Cabinet. Avery was very active in his church, Shiloh United Methodist, where he performed with the Voices of Inspiration. He was an enthusiastic supporter of his community, volunteering in multiple capacities; and

Whereas, at the University of South Carolina, he gravitated towards engineering and dreamt of becoming a Mechanical Engineer. He became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, on March 17, 2017, through initiation with the Zeta Zeta Chapter; and

Whereas, Avery was much loved and respected by his family, friends of Marlboro County, and the brothers of his fraternity. His legacy lies in the profound effect he had on the people he met in his life, even receiving letters from President Barack Obama and Congressman Tom Rice, acknowledging his inimitable character. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express the greatest sorrow for the tragic passing of Avery Lashay McArthur on September 8, 2020, and offer his family the deepest sympathy during this immense hardship.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Avery Lashay McArthur.

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