**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ALBERT KING DIXON II OF LAURENS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Albert King Dixon II of Laurens on July 6, 2020, at the venerable age of eighty‑three; and

Whereas, King Dixon was known for his hard‑driving passion and unquenchable enthusiasm in all that he did. He was an outstanding multisport athlete at Laurens High School, a football standout at the University of South Carolina, and player/coach of the United States Marine Corps football team. While attending the university, he also excelled academically, graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa and winning the coveted Algernon Sidney Sullivan Award. He later served his alma mater as associate vice president for alumni affairs and as athletics director, during which time the University of South Carolina joined the Southeastern Conference. Most recently, he served as a member of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, heeding the call of his country, this Vietnam combat veteran served in the Marine Corps and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel after twenty‑two years of service, having earned a number of military citations for heroism, among them a Bronze Star. His career also included service as Laurens YMCA executive director and as a Palmetto Bank executive; and

Whereas, beyond his professional service, King loved being with other people and helping them. Investing his life in others, he held leadership roles in a wide variety of organizations in every city in which he lived. He served as an elder and Sunday School teacher in the Presbyterian Church, Scoutmaster and local council president for the Boy Scouts of America (with all three sons and both grandsons earning the rank of Eagle Scout), and coach of youth sports teams, including Dixie Youth Baseball. He was district governor of Rotary Club and served as a part of Straight Street Youth Ministry, Senior Laurens, the United Way, Touchdown Club, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation, Upper Savannah Council of Government, and South Carolina Association of Regional Councils, among other organizations; and

Whereas, he received numerous awards for his leadership and service, including Outstanding Armed Forces Player of the Year; induction into Athletic Halls of Fame for South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, and Laurens High School; the State of South Carolina’s Order of the Palmetto; the Silver Beaver Award (Boy Scouts); multiple Rotary Paul Harris Fellow awards; and many other honors focused in particular on youth, as well as civic and philanthropic service; and

Whereas, above all, he was a man of strong faith who believed he was God’s servant and who frequently attributed his accomplishments to the Lord’s enablement. At home, he was a fiercely loyal and devoted husband, father, and grandfather who instilled in his family his personal mantra of faith, family, and service in all areas of his life; and

Whereas, after a lifetime of distinguished service to his community, State, and country, King Dixon leaves to cherish his memory Augusta Mason Dixon, his beloved wife of sixty‑one years and his sweetheart since third grade; his three sons, Albert King Dixon III (Kristina Halleck Dixon), Augustus Mason Dixon (Kim King Dixon), and Lee Simmons Dixon (Margaret Edwards Dixon); his grandchildren, Andrew Mason Dixon, Robert King Dixon, Anna Dixon Massullo, and Sarah Simmons Dixon; 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 Albert King Dixon II of Laurens 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. Augusta Dixon for the family.

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