**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE CHERISSE NICOLE EATMON OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of South Carolina native Cherisse Nicole Eatmon of Alexandria, Virginia, on August 24, 2020, at the age of thirty‑three; and

Whereas, born in Charleston on January 19, 1987, Cherisse was the daughter of Mary Christine Brown Eatmon and James Curtis Eatmon; and

Whereas, she devoted her professional career to working with elected officials to advocate for healthcare and voting policies and bipartisan legislation; and

Whereas, in her most recent role, Cherisse served as senior director of State Government Affairs at Represent.Us. There, she worked diligently to develop a program to assist Represent.Us in furthering its goal of bringing conservative and progressive elected officials together to pass laws that would repair broken elections and stop political bribery; and

Whereas, prior to that, Cherisse served as senior director of the State Caucus Network with the Millennial Action Project (MAP), where she led the bipartisan engagement of more than eight hundred young state legislators across the country; and

Whereas, she also served as manager of Legislator Outreach with the Women in Government Foundation, Inc., and as a manager at New Morning Foundation, where she managed a volunteer network of more than one hundred professional leaders and organizations responsible for health policy advocacy in the community and at the South Carolina State House; and

Whereas, Cherisse’s work throughout her career will have a lasting national impact for positive change; and

Whereas, Cherisse is survived by her parents; her aunts, Jean Ellis, Beatrice Eatmon, Joyce Ann (James Walter) Phelps, Bernice Knight, Helen Brown Bullock, and Patricia (Julius) Person; her uncle, Oliver Ray Brown; her godson, Tristen Davon Prioleau; her godbrother, Cameron Mack; her close friends, Ashley Gamble, Brittany Camden, and Chelsea Kelly (ABC); her sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; extended University of South Carolina family; and a host of other relatives and friends whom she loved dearly. She will be remembered as a passionate, generous, loving, and highly respected advocate and leader and 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 South Carolina native Cherisse Nicole Eatmon of Alexandria, Virginia, and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mary Christine Brown Eatmon and James Curtis Eatmon for the family.

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