**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF DEACON BRANSON JULIAN ROBINSON OF GREENWOOD AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Deacon Branson Julian Robinson of Greenwood on April 18, 2019; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Greenwood County, Branson Robinson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Robinson, Sr.; and

Whereas, heeding the call of his country, Deacon Robinson served in the United States Army. In addition, he was employed by Grede Foundry for thirty years as an industrial maintenance electrician; and

Whereas, this man of faith was baptized at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and served his God there as a lifelong member. Active at Mt. Olive in numerous capacities over the years, Deacon Robinson was a member of the male choir and senior choir, and, most notably, served as church clerk for more than fifty years; and

Whereas, he was a man who exemplified well a great love for God, family, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, community, and country. The Senate considers it a privilege to reflect on the rich life of Branson Robinson and joins with his family, friends, and community in the celebration of his homegoing, knowing that “to be absent from the body [is] to be present with the Lord” (II Corinthians 5:8b); and

Whereas, Deacon Robinson leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Mattie Pearl Williams Robinson; his children, Natalie Renee Robinson and Branson Jamal Robinson; his siblings, Deacon Johnathan Robinson (Mildred) and Tammy Conway (Barry); as well as a host of other relatives and many friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Deacon Branson Julian Robinson of Greenwood 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. Mattie Pearl Williams Robinson for the family.

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