**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF DAVID S. PALMER, JR. AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of David S. Palmer, Jr. on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at the venerable age of eighty‑three; and

Whereas, a native of Saluda, David was born on August 22, 1935 to the late David Shelton Palmer, Sr. and the late Farrah Ellen Minor Palmer. The youngest of nine children, he was instilled with a lifelong belief in the great value that a strong and loving family served in a person’s life; and

Whereas, a graduate of Hollywood High School, David served his nation in the United States Army as company clerk for the 46th transportation company in Inchon, Korea, from 1958 to 1959; and

Whereas, after concluding his military service, David returned to Saluda and became employed with Monsanto of Greenwood, where he worked as a foreman for over twenty‑five years before retiring in 1985. Shortly after his retirement, David attended Kenneth Shuler Barber School and began a second career as a barber at Shealy’s Barber Shop in Saluda from 1986 until 2014; and

Whereas, a farm‑to‑table adherent long before the practice became fashionable, David maintained a bountiful garden that supplied family and friends with staples for meals throughout the year; and

Whereas, an active and longtime member of Sardis Baptist Church, David served the church as deacon on many occasions and was quick to help in any way. He believed the journey of life should be a walk with God, and endeavored to do so each day; and

Whereas, David married the former Barbara Jean Mitchell on June 23, 1963, and together they reared two devoted daughters, Janet Palmer D’Agostino and Holly Palmer Beeson, and took great pride in their four grandsons, Gabriel D’Agostino, Michael D’Agostino, Drew Beeson, and Luke Beeson; and

Whereas, a quiet man often sought for his wisdom, David embodied the qualities that have made America a great nation, including an inviolable work ethic, unimpeachable honesty and integrity, and a steadfast devotion to his faith, family, and nation. His life was an example to all who knew him. 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 David S. Palmer, Jr., and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of David S. Palmer, Jr.

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