**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF SISTER GLORIA CHAVOUS RILEY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Sister Gloria Chavous Riley on Tuesday, October 29, 2019; and

Whereas, a native of Aiken County, Sister Gloria Chavous Riley was born on October 25, 1925 to Golphin and Mahala Scott Chavous. She was the youngest of eight children; and

Whereas, a woman of great faith, Gloria joined the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in 1938 and was baptized by Reverend R. W. Winn. She was the oldest member and the “Mother of the Church”; and

Whereas, Gloria married Deacon John “Jack” Riley on August 7, 1946. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great‑grandmother; and

Whereas, Gloria will be remembered as an outgoing women who loved the Lord, her family, and the times that her children and grandchildren took her fishing and to Atlanta Braves games; and

Whereas, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Deacon Alvoyd Chavous, Deacon Buell Chavous, Deacon James O. Chavous, Sister Edwena Wimberly, Sister Christine Johnson, Sister Susie Sims, and Sister Frances Massey; and

Whereas, she is survived by her two loving children, William Darryl Riley (Debra F.) and Donna R. Hatcher (Phillip); four grandchildren, Eric D. Riley, Julius E. Thompson, II, Nicole V. Riley and Jerimie A. Thompson; ten great‑grandchildren; two sisters‑in‑law, Nona Cummings and Laura Riley; a brother‑in‑law, Murray Riley; two Godchildren, Shelia Henderson and Leroy A. Wimberly; devoted friends, Hattie Corley and Helen Stephens; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. She 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 Sister Gloria Chavous Riley and extend their deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sister Gloria Chavous Riley.

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