**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF CHERYL A. HICKMON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY, THE LADIES OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INCORPORATED, AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Cheryl A. Hickmon on January 20, 2022, at the age of fifty-nine; and

Whereas, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, Ms. Hickmon was born to Dr. Ned Hickmon and Mrs. Consuella Anderson Hickmon. She was an alumna of South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, where she earned a bachelor’s degree; and

Whereas, Ms. Hickmon was employed at Montefiore’s Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health in Hartsdale, New York, a teaching hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where she supervised the In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories for Andrology and Endocrinology. She served in the laboratory for more than thirty years; and

Whereas, for thirty-nine years, she has been a continuously active and involved member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and has held numerous elected and appointed leadership positions at the national, regional, and local levels. She has served as the national first vice president, national secretary, eastern regional director, South Atlantic regional representative, co‑chair of the National Scholarship and Standards committee, co‑chair of the National Leadership Academy, co‑chair of the National Documents Review and Revision Task Force, and chapter president of the Hartford Alumnae chapter and Alpha Xi chapter of South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, in November 2021, in Atlanta, Georgia, Cheryl A. Hickmon was elected as the 27th National President and Chair of the National Board of Directors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action organization of more than three hundred and fifty thousand initiated members; and

Whereas, Ms. Hickmon shared her skills and services with the communities in which she lived through her involvement with the NAACP, the NCNW, the National Brotherhood of Skiers, and St. Monica’s Episcopal Church; and

Whereas, Ms. Hickmon received the Outstanding Accomplishments and Achievement Award from South Carolina State University, as well as several other awards including the “100 Most Influential African Americans in the State of Connecticut” award by the Connecticut Chapters of the NAACP and the Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Tau Iota chapter; and

Whereas, Ms. Hickmon lived by the following motto: “Don’t measure life by the number of breaths you take but by the number of moments that take your breath away”; and

Whereas, she leaves to cherish her memory her two brothers, Ned and David Hickmon; all of her sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; the other members of the Divine Nine Greek organizations; and a host of 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of Cheryl A. Hickmon and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Cheryl A. Hickmon.

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