**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH “LIZ” ALSTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Elizabeth “Liz” Alston on February 19, 2022 at the age of eighty-two; and

Whereas, a native of Charleston, Liz was born the eldest of four children to Moses Hunt, Sr. and Sadie Theirse Hunt. She graduated from Alston High School in 1957 and continued her education at South Carolina State University, New York University, and The Citadel, where she received both her Masters and Education Specialist Degrees; and

Whereas, in the late 1950s, Liz spent her summer in New York City and worked and modeled at Macy’s department store; and

Whereas, in 1968, Liz met her beloved Albert. After only three months of dating, they were married at Morris Brown A.M.E. Church. Over their fifty-three years of marriage, their passion for service, their love of history and art, their depth of conversation, and their fierce loyalty for each other was unmatched and admirable; and

Whereas, an educator and historian, Liz has served as an evaluative and workshop consultant for the Ethnic Studies Branch, the National Teacher Corps, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, and many other educational and professional organizations. She has been active in numerous community and civic affairs. During the City of Charleston’s Bicentennial Celebration, she chaired the Charleston County Black History Committee; and

Whereas, Liz’s greatest joy was education. She taught at Chicora and Bonds Wilson schools, worked as a principal at St. Johns High School, and served as the Director of Administrative Services and Coordinator of Ethnic Studies for the Charleston County School District (CCSD). Liz served as a member, as Vice-Chair, and as Chair of the CCSD School Board; and

Whereas, Liz was a trailblazer and innovator, achieving a series of “firsts” such as teaching the first Black History course in Charleston County Schools and Trident Technical College; writing the Black History section of the Charleston Tour Guide Manual; becoming the first African American woman to serve as Chair of the City of Charleston Tourism Commission, to serve as principal at a high school in Charleston County, and to serve as Chair of the Charleston County School Board; becoming the first Ethnic Coordinator for CCSD; and being recognized as one of the top twenty-five African American Influencers in South Carolina; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Liz was an active participant in various political and intellectual groups. She helped to launch robust discussions through her A.M.E. and Episcopal book study group, through the Micah Project’s Action Group, and as a part of other reconciliation book clubs. She worked for the Democratic Party, hosting campaign fundraisers for candidates and serving as an officer with the Charleston Women’s Democratic Club; and

Whereas, in addition to her activism work, Liz served on the Board of Directors of Roper St. Francis Memorial Hospital, as a member of DragonBoat Charleston’s Paddle & Pearls Team, as president of the Theirse Weston Family Reunion, as a leader of the Hunt Family Reunion, and on the Board of the Charleston Council for International Visitors. She served on the board of the T.C. Drayton Community Center, on Drayton Hall’s Site Council, and as Chairperson of Charleston’s Tourism Commission; and

Whereas, Liz was preceded in death by her parents, Moses Hunt Sr. and Sadie Theirse Hunt; her brother and sister, Moses Hunt, Jr. and Earlene Hunt Brown; and her daughter, Ann Vanessa Hunt Geddis; and

Whereas, Liz leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of fifty-three years, Albert Alston; sisters Alfredia Hunt Snipes and Delores Armstead; her brother‑in‑law Leon Alston; her three grandchildren; her three great‑grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and adoring 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 Elizabeth “Liz” Alston 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 Liz Alston.

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