**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF JEFFREY B. SMOAK 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 Jeffrey B. Smoak on Sunday, March 6, 2022; and

Whereas, a native of Walterboro, Mr. Smoak was born on January 11, 1970 to parents Ervin Smoak, Jr. and Judy Strickland Smoak; and

Whereas, a proud Sandlapper, Mr. Smoak grew up in Columbia and attended the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Smoak worked for the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs for twenty‑eight years, which allowed him to travel across the state that he so loved; and

Whereas, in his free time, he enjoyed reading about his family history and its connections and contributions to Smoaks and the State of South Carolina. He was a lifelong learner who enjoyed being knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects. He loved to be near the water, whether it was surfing, fishing, or sailing his boat on Lake Murray; and

Whereas, Mr. Smoak will be remembered for his laughter and sense of humor, his love for music, and for being a loyal friend to so many; and

Whereas, Mr. Smoak was the father of our beloved Tucker Smoak, a Legislative Aid with the South Carolina Senate and Miller Ayn Smoak, a Page with the Senate Finance Committee. As a father, he always encouraged his children to never stop learning and experiencing new things, whether it be music, sports, literature, or life itself; and

Whereas, Mr. Smoak was preceded in death by his parents; his paternal grandparents, Ervin Smoak, Sr. and Betty McAlhany Smoak; and his maternal grandparents, James Searson and Virginia Shaw Strickland; and

Whereas, Mr. Smoak leaves to cherish his memory his wife of twenty‑six years, Laura Miller Smoak; his son, Tucker Smoak; and his daughter, Miller Ayn Smoak. 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of Jeffrey B. Smoak and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jeffrey B. Smoak.

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