**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS “TOM” DELANO BROADWATER, SR., OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened by the passing of the Honorable Thomas “Tom” Delano Broadwater, Sr., of Columbia, former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives (1980‑1984), on April 25, 2022, at the age of eighty‑seven; and

Whereas, born January 14, 1935 in Silverstreet, he was the fifth of seven children born to Addie Williams and Sampson James Broadwater. Tom grew up in a home where hard work and a good education were taught as of primary importance. As a child, young Tom and his six siblings walked miles to receive their education in a one‑room schoolhouse for African American students known as Drayton Street School in Newberry County; and

Whereas, desiring a better life for himself, he pursued higher education at then South Carolina State College and completed his undergraduate studies at Kentucky State College and Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1965, he earned his Juris Doctor from Florida A&M University in Tallahassee; and

Whereas, Mr. Broadwater was first elected as Representative for South Carolina House District #74 in 1980 and served in the General Assembly for two terms. He served with distinction as a member of numerous committees and sponsored or co‑sponsored important legislation dealing with medical, family, educational, health, and social issues; and

Whereas, a distinguished lawyer in Columbia, Mr. Broadwater ran a successful law practice for over thirty years where he represented the poor, oppressed, disenfranchised, and forgotten citizens of South Carolina; and

Whereas, during his years of service, Mr. Broadwater was greatly respected by the members of the General Assembly and was much admired and loved by the residents of Richland County whom he represented and faithfully served; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of The Honorable Thomas “Tom” Delano Broadwater, Sr., and for the example of sacrifice and kindness he set for all who knew him. He will be remembered as a humble public servant and beloved South Carolina leader, one who 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 upon the passing of the Honorable Thomas “Tom” Delano Broadwater, Sr., of Columbia, celebrate his life and achievements, 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 the Honorable Thomas “Tom” Delano Broadwater, Sr.

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