**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE L. SCHROEDER 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 George L. Schroeder on September 24, 2021, at the age of seventy-seven; and

Whereas, a native of Monroe, Michigan, Mr. Schroeder was born on November 27, 1943; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. Schroeder served as an Army Intelligence officer; and

Whereas, before moving to South Carolina, Mr. Schroeder was a dean of students at Defiance College in Ohio, a Ford Fellow at the Ohio legislature, and the director of the Connecticut Legislature’s state agency audit and performance review committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Schroeder came to South Carolina in 1976 to establish the South Carolina Legislative Audit Council, where he served as Director for thirty-three years. After his retirement in February 2009, Mr. Schroeder served briefly as the first Inspector General for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, among his many achievements, Mr. Schroeder was most proud of the in-depth examinations of state agencies and operations that were produced under his leadership. These examinations, including “Cost Savings for State Government: A Special Report, January 1992” and “A Management Review of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, November 2006,” guided the General Assembly and led to significant reform and cost saving across state government; and

Whereas, after his retirement, Mr. Schroeder spent his time fishing, golfing, star‑gazing, reading, and rooting for his beloved Detroit Tigers and Lions. He worked out at his gym three times a week with his personal trainer for over eleven years; and

Whereas, intuitive, rational, and practical, Mr. Schroeder was skilled at extracting the truth. He was widely respected within South Carolina government and within his professional and personal circles. A commanding presence, he was known for his sharp wit, distinctively deep voice, vast knowledge of history and political science, and passion for justice; and

Whereas, Mr. Schroeder kept his wife, Mary, fully informed of all current events, especially the weather. They laughed every day of their ten‑year courtship, and twenty-five‑year marriage; and

Whereas, Mr. Schroeder was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Lillie Schroeder, and his sister, JoAnn Portteus; and

Whereas, Mr. Schroeder leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Mary; his sister, Susan Schroeder; his brother, Thomas Schroeder and his wife Andrea; and his sister, Mary Gerweck, her husband Keith, and her daughter Sarah, all of Michigan. He also leaves behind his sister‑in‑law Joan Spencer Amado, her husband, Bener, and their children, Jodie Watson and Naomi, Hannah, and Spencer Amado, and many other relatives. He was blessed with many friends who became family, including Bryan King, John and Sharon Mackintosh, and the members of the Chaucer Society. 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 George L. Schroeder 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 George L. Schroeder.

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