**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF SERGEANT JOSEPH C. SACCO, TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS, AND TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Sergeant Joseph C. Sacco on November 23, 2007; and

Whereas, a native of Alabama, Sergeant Sacco was born on October 12, 1924, the only son of Sicilian immigrants, Gioacchino and Rosa Sacco; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, Sergeant Sacco served in the 92nd Signal Battalion during World War II. He landed at Omaha Beach as part of the Normandy Invasion in June of 1944, and he fought his way through France and Germany; and

Whereas, Sergeant Sacco served under the command of General George S. Patton through the Battle of the Bulge, and he liberated the Nazi Concentration Camp at Dachau, Germany, on April 29, 1945, ending the Holocaust and saving tens of thousands of lives; and

Whereas, Sergeant Sacco survived the war and returned to the United States, where he married Rosalie Palumbo in 1952, and together they raised five children, Rosa-Marie, Jack, Lucy, John, and Gina Sacco; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Sergeant Sacco lived an honorable life as a man of deep and abiding faith in and love for God, family, and country; and

Whereas, Sergeant Sacco believed that by telling his children the story of World War II and the horrors of the Dachau concentration camp, he might help to prevent such horrors from ever happing again; and

Whereas, Sergeant Sacco gave his son, Jack Sacco, his blessing and access to his stories so that he could bear witness to the truth for future generations by writing the Award Winning and #1 Bestselling book “Where the Birds Never Sing,” which documents Sergeant Sacco’s moving and emotional experiences during World War II; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate appreciate Sergeant Sacco’s dedicated service to this great nation. 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 Sergeant Joseph C. Sacco, extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends, and recognize him for his many years of distinguished service with the United States Army.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Sergeant Joseph C. Sacco.

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