**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF SHEMYIA TONETTE “MYIAELLA” RILEY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Shemyia Tonette “Myiaella” Riley at the age of twenty on Friday, February 25, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Greenville on June 25, 2001, she was the daughter of Tamika Shonette Thomas and David Anthony Riley, and she graduated from Woodmont High School where she played basketball with the Lady Wildcats; and

Whereas, the first member of her family to attend college, Ms. Riley was a junior at South Carolina State University majoring in social work and was a member of the Beta Club, the State Honors Choir, Women’s Choir, Voices of Woodmont, the Doctor Emily E. Clyburn Honors College D.O.L.L.S., the Campus Activity Board, and Kinks and Curls; and

Whereas, she served as a student orientation leader and was the recipient of the Presidential Scholar award twice and of the Achievers Scholarship, and recently she was named a 2022 Shining Star by the South Carolina University Foundation. She had hoped to use her degree to open her own business; and

Whereas, Myiaella leaves to treasure her memory her mother and her stepfather, Hosea Thomas; her father and her stepmother, Andriena Riley; and her siblings: Chatiera Riley, Akiko Thomas, and Natavius Riley, as well as stepbrothers Semaj, Nahvayae, and Machi; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Senate is grateful for the life of Myiaella Riley and for the example of excellence and joy she set for all who knew her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Shemyia Tonette “Myiaella” Riley of Greenville County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Shemyia Tonette “Myiaella” Riley.

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