**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES EDWARD “ED” CHAMBERS, JR., OF CAYCE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of James Edward “Ed” Chambers, Jr., of Cayce on January 19, 2021, at the age of seventy. Ed Chambers is the father of our own dear Elizabeth Chambers Taylor; and

Whereas, born in Rock Hill on December 7, 1950, Mr. Chambers was the son of the late James Edward Chambers, Sr., and Betty Neely Chambers. In time, the young Ed met and married the former Connie Lambert. Ed and Connie enjoyed their time as a married couple, often delighting in the companionship of friends at the Kingsman and Vella’s restaurants in Cayce. Ed and his lovely bride were blessed with two terrific children; and

Whereas, daughter Elizabeth Chambers Taylor has no doubt made the Chambers so proud having dedicated her entire professional career to service to the General Assembly. Elizabeth is a 24‑7 Director of Research for the Legislative Council who is perhaps the most dedicated employee of the General Assembly. Her servant’s heart also led her to dedicate immeasurable amounts of time to the Dickerson Children’s Advocacy Center where she has selflessly given of her time and talents to ensuring the well‑being of the state’s most vulnerable citizens; and

Whereas, son Patrick Chambers, a successful businessman in his own right in commercial real estate, together with his wife Laura, gifted the Chambers with two of the most adorable grandchildren in Jackson and Taylor. The two have no doubt provided many hours of amusement to their grandparents through their boundless energy and enthusiasm. As they grow into young people and eventually adults, they are certain to provide continued joy, love, and entertainment to their beloved grandmother and adoring Aunt Elizabeth; and

Whereas, while raising her family, Connie Chambers dedicated her professional life to teaching school as she made a difference in the lives of so many young children at the various schools she taught at over the years. Mrs. Chambers’ dedication to her husband though, particularly in the last few years as he suffered from a debilitating disease, set a strong example of a loving wife as she aided in the care of Mr. Chambers and spent countless hours by his side; and

Whereas, over the course of his career, Ed Chambers worked for PMSC and TM Floyd and retired from a long and prosperous career at Blue Cross Blue Shield. However, his most precious, long‑lasting legacy is that of his sweet wife, son, daughter, and grandchildren who will carry on his name; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents, Edward and Odette Chambers and James and Edna Neely; and a sister, Stacey Pittman, he leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Connie; his daughter, Elizabeth Chambers Taylor (Tripp); his son, Christian Patrick Chambers (Laura); two sisters, Betsy Chambers Curley (Doug) and Nancy Chambers Brown; two grandchildren, Jackson and Taylor Chambers; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of James Edward “Ed” Chambers, Jr., of Cayce, celebrate his life, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers Taylor for the family.

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