**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BLUMA TISHGARTEN GOLDBERG OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the passing of Bluma Tishgarten Goldberg of Columbia on January 21, 2021, at the age of ninety‑four; and

Whereas, having entered this world on June 10, 1926, in Pinczow, Poland, Bluma was welcomed as the fourth of six children born to the late Haskell and Rachel Tishgarten; and

Whereas, Bluma was just thirteen years old in September 1939, at the beginning of World War II, when the Germans arrived in Pinczow and burned the town, including the Tishgarten home. Bluma’s mother gave her and her sister Cela all the family’s money and told them to run to the woods and hide; and

Whereas, eventually, after living in the woods for several months, Bluma and Cela were captured by the Germans and taken to work camps. In time, the sisters were placed in Bergen Belson, a concentration camp, and later were liberated from Kaufering VI, a subcamp of Dachau concentration camp. The Red Cross then took Bluma to Holzhausen Hospital in Germany for treatment, and after a short stint in the hospital, she was moved to the Displaced Persons Camp in Landsberg, Germany. After his liberation from Buchenwald, Felix Goldberg was taken to the same camp. It was there, in 1945, that the two met. As he would tell it years later, it was love at first sight. They were married on July 8, 1946. He was twenty‑nine years old; she was nineteen; and

Whereas, Henry, their first child, was born in 1948. In 1949, Bluma and Felix joined her sister Cela and Cela’s husband, David Miller, in Columbia. Bluma and Felix were able to make this journey through the efforts of the Hebrew Immigrants Aid Society and the Columbia Jewish community; and

Whereas, in May 1955, Bluma and Felix were granted U.S. citizenship. This was one of the happiest days of their lives; and

Whereas, the Goldbergs’ second son, Karl, was born in 1953, and a daughter, Esther, was born in 1957. In that same year, Bluma and Felix opened the Tile Center, which is still family‑operated today; and

Whereas, an active member of her community throughout her years, Bluma received the New Life award from Israel Bonds (1995), the Women of Distinction award from the Girl Scouts (2009), the Order of the Palmetto from Governor Nikki Haley (2013), and the Americanism Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution (2013); and

Whereas, this lady of high courage will be remembered always for her grace, beauty, gentle nature, and loving way; and

Whereas, predeceased by her sisters, Genya, Cela, Sala, and Yente, as well as her brother, Kalma, and her husband, Felix, Bluma leaves to cherish her memory her sons, Henry (Gloria) Goldberg and Karl (Margo) Goldberg, both of Columbia; her daughter, Esther (Ira) Goldberg Greenberg, also of Columbia; seven grandchildren, Jason Goldberg, Adam Goldberg, Philip Goldberg, Robin Roth, Leah Davis, Rachel Greenberg, and Samuel Greenberg; five great‑grandchildren, Harry, Felix, Jack, Ethan, and Dylan; and a host of admirers. She 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 Bluma Tishgarten Goldberg of Columbia, celebrate her life, and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Henry Goldberg for the family.

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