**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE NAPOLEON THOMAS MARTIN OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of George Napoleon Thomas Martin at the age of fifty‑five on Saturday, December 26, 2020; and

Whereas, born on April 22, 1965, he was the son of Lillian Crumel‑Curtis and George N. Martin. He lived in Washington, D.C., from the age of two until he was seven, and he spent the last forty‑eight years in Columbia; and

Whereas, Mr. Martin attended Richland Northeast High School graduating in the Class of 1985. He attended South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, and attended truck driver training school at N. E. I. Institute in Charleston; and

Whereas, he had a fifteen-year-career as a truck driver; and

Whereas, Mr. Martin leaves behind four precious children: Lauryn Makenzie Martin of Auburn, Georgia; and Leighelle Nalaam Martin, Lark Evelina Martin, and George Napoleon Thomas Martin, Jr., all of Columbia; and

Whereas, he also leaves to mourn his passing two special friends: Lawanda Denice Champaign and Angela Murray; a sister, Bridgett Dion Martin; a brother, Chris Curtis; stepsister V. Michelle Curtis, and stepbrother Wendel Ricky Curtis, along with many nieces, nephews, and a grand‑niece; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the vibrant life of Napoleon Martin filled with his great sense of humor and for the example of kindness he set for all who knew him. 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 George Napoleon Thomas Martin of Richland County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of George Napoleon Thomas Martin.

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