**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF RICHARD KING OF HOLLYWOOD, 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 by the passing of Richard King of Hollywood on January 18, 2021, at the venerable age of ninety‑five; and

Whereas, born to Samuel James King, Sr., and Anna Lee Mackey King of Yonges Island, Richard King came into this world with his twin brother, Richie, on February 7, 1925. He was educated in the local school system of Charleston County; and

Whereas, as a child he accepted God and became a lifelong member of St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church in Hollywood. This man of faith kept God first in his life and was a fine example of a gentleman and a scholar. He was a well‑known and loved friend to the community and greeted everyone with a radiant smile on his face; and

Whereas, Mr. King answered the call of his country and served during World War II aboard the USS Lexington aircraft carrier (1942). After the war, he traveled to New York City and met the love of his life, Avis, God blessing their union with a fine family of six; and

Whereas, Richard King leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Avis King; a daughter, Sharon Gathers; four sons, Dictrick King, Tyrone Wiggins, Wilbur Wiggins, and Walter Wiggins; a special stepdaughter, Wanda Weatherspoon; his grandchildren, Shawn Staten, Shannon Gathers, Walter L. Wiggins, and Shaniece Gathers; a step‑granddaughter, Careema Weatherspoon; his great‑grandchildren, Taylaiyah Staten, Ivan Staten, Sharon Staten, and Denise Staten, as well as one very precious great‑granddaughter, Ava Joyner; two special great‑great‑grandchildren, Ziyah Staten and Skyah Staten; a sister‑in‑law, Shirley King; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Hardy King, Sr., Richie King, and Sam King, Jr.; and two sisters, Mazzie King Matthews and Josephine King. He will be 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 Richard King of Hollywood, 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. Avis King for the family.

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