**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RALPH P. STROMAN, 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 the Honorable Ralph P. Stroman on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at the venerable age of seventy‑eight; and

Whereas, born in Georgetown on August 13, 1942, Ralph was the son of the late Michael Paul Stroman, a railroad foreman, and Hazel Hoffman Stroman, a school teacher. He received his collegiate education from the University of South Carolina, graduating with his bachelor’s degree in 1964 and earning his Juris Doctor degree in 1967; and

Whereas, Ralph worked at his esteemed law practice in Conway for forty years, retiring in 2007. Shortly after, however, he was appointed to the courts in Georgetown and Horry Counties, where he would serve as a Master‑in‑Equity for the remainder of his life; and

Whereas, Judge Stroman privately battled heart issues during his time serving upon the bench. In spite of this, he continued to work diligently rather than leave the courtroom for an extended recovery; and

Whereas, he is predeceased by his wife, “Libby” Hendrick Stroman of Conway, with whom he spent thirty‑two loving and memorable years. Those who were close with the couple remember her expertise while working in the office, her extraordinary ability to entertain, and their love of traveling, whether alone or with friends; and

Whereas, loved deeply by those who knew him, he leaves his memory to be cherished by his respected colleagues, his devoted legal secretary of more than fifty‑five years, Ms. Sylvia Richardson, his beloved housekeeper, Mrs. Dolories Pait, his first wife, Mrs. Phyllis Holstein, his daughter Laura Stroman Lee, his son‑in‑law, Michael Sean Lee, his three grandchildren, Thomas, Anna, and Larson, his faithful dog, Cody, and a host of other family and friends. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of the Honorable Ralph P. Stroman, 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 the family of the Honorable Ralph P. Stroman.

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