**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHARLES “CHARLIE” POWERS OF YORK 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 Charles “Charlie” Powers at the age of eighty‑one on March 11, 2021; and

Whereas, born in Great Falls on November 6, 1939, he was a son of the late Steve and Ruth Powers, and prior to his political career serving Fort Mill and York County, he worked at Everlock and PPM; and

Whereas, for more than three decades, Mr. Powers served Fort Mill in the political arena. He was first elected to serve three two‑year terms on the Fort Mill City Council from 1976 to 1982; and

Whereas, in 1983, he was elected to serve as mayor of Fort Mill. Fort Mill enjoyed the benefit of the dedication and experience of Charles "Charlie" Powers during his twenty-four-year tenure during which he led the town through unparalleled growth; and

Whereas, Mr. Powers was a very active board member and devoted supporter of The Sheriff’s Foundation of York County, and he was a past member of the Moose Lodge of Fort Mill; and

Whereas, his outstanding service to the community as a humble leader was honored with numerous awards, including Jaycee of the Year in 1967, Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1981, Fort Mill Lion of the Year in 1982, the Order of the Palmetto Award from Governor David Beasley in 1996, an interchange on Interstate Highway 77, in York County, designated in his honor in 2004, and the Golden Eagle Award in 2014; and

Whereas, a long‑time and faithful member of St. John’s United Methodist Church, Mr. Powers was treasured by his neighbors, friends, and family in whom he instilled the importance of service and selfless dedication to their surrounding communities; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of more than six decades, Peggy Gibson Powers, he reared two fine children, Charles William Powers and Teresa Powers McCall. These children blessed him with the affection of four grandchildren: Blair Powers Haag, Megan Alyssa Powers, Austin Banks McCall, and Abby Powers McCall; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Charlie Powers and for the example of excellence and service 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 Charles “Charlie” Powers of York 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 Charles “Charlie” Powers.

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