**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THOMAS MAULDIN BROWN, JR., FOUNDER AND OWNER OF BROWN’S BBQ AND TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE LIFE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Thomas Mauldin Brown, Jr., on January 11, 2021; and

Whereas, born on August 14, 1953, in Kingstree, he was a son of Azalee D. Brown and T. Mauldin Brown, Sr. His mother was the daughter of Weekus and Alice Dukes of Greeleyville. His father was the son of Mabel and Willie Brown of Kingstree, and both Azalee and T. Mauldin were reared with seven brothers and sisters; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Kingstree, Thomas Brown, Jr., was reared in a loving family with siblings, Eunice Beard of Columbia; Mike Brown of Cordesville; and Mary Alice Brown of Huger; and

Whereas, of all his life accomplishments, he was the proudest of his three fine children: Tommy Brown, who is married to Angie; Carla Smith, married to Robbie; and Chris Brown, married to Mandy. His children blessed him with the affection of twelve grandchildren and one great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, thirty‑six years ago, Mr. Brown’s dream came true when he started Brown’s BBQ. At first it was a small take‑out business before it grew into the full‑service restaurant and catering business it is today; and

Whereas, Brown’s BBQ is known all across the United States for its famous vinegar‑pepper‑based barbeque sauce. Many events, including weddings and family holidays, have featured his delicious Southern fare to the delight of the attendees; and

Whereas, South Carolina state legislators were often recipients of his delectable barbeque at functions held on the State House campus and at The Citadel Night barbeques; and

Whereas, a member of Kingstree First Baptist Church, Mr. Brown loved farming, riding horses and motorcycles, and spending time with his beloved family and friends. His generosity will be greatly missed in the community of Kingstree and beyond; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Thomas Brown and for the example of excellence and devotion to family 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, remember and celebrate the life of Thomas Mauldin Brown, Jr., founder and owner of Brown’s BBQ, and honor his remarkable life.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas Mauldin Brown, Jr.

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