**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. THOMAS WALTER “WALT” BRASHIER, SR., OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Thomas Walter “Walt” Brashier, Sr., at the age of eighty‑six on March 24, 2021; and

Whereas, born in Fork Shoals, he was the son of the late Ralph and Edith Brashier and was reared in a loving home with his siblings, Faye Brashier Brown and Glenn Brashier. He graduated from Furman University in 1959 and attended Erskine Theological Seminary and Southeastern Theological Seminary; and

Whereas, Dr. Brashier developed many apartment complexes in the Greenville area and was involved in commercial real estate and land acquisitions. One of his most personally rewarding investments was founding Scenic Hills Baptist Church; and

Whereas, in a life dedicated to God through his family, Christian ministry, businesses, and philanthropy, he was instrumental in bringing the technical school system to the Greenville community, and his generous land donations have benefited Greenville Technical College, many other colleges, the Travelers Rest YMCA, and many area churches; and

Whereas, Dr. Brashier and his wife established endowed scholarships at Charleston Southern University, The Citadel, Anderson University, North Greenville University, Bob Jones University, and Greenville Technical College; and

Whereas, as a result of his passion for education and Christian leadership, he was awarded the Doctor of Humanities from Charleston Southern University, Doctor of Christian Leadership from North Greenville University, Doctor of Humanities from Anderson University, The Citadel Leader of Principal Award and Business Hall of Fame, and Order of the Palmetto from the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of sixty‑eight years, Christine McKinney Brashier, he reared four fine children: Kathy Brashier Higgins; Thomas Walter Brashier, Jr.; Ted Brashier; and the late Tim Brashier; and

Whereas, Dr. Brashier’s children blessed him with the affection of thirteen grandchildren: Ben Duncan, Walt Brashier III, Wesley Brashier, Christy Brashier Groome, Brian Duncan, Matthew Brashier, Caroline Brashier Benedict, Daniel Brashier, Georgia Brashier, Rachel Brashier, Leah Brashier, Eli Brashier, and Ivy Brashier; and

Whereas, he was blessed to see a continuation of his loving family legacy in twelve great‑grandchildren: Hayden Brashier, Beau Brashier, Ella Brashier, Louis Brashier, Lucas Groome, Lydia Groome, Everly Brashier, Sawyer Duncan, Ansley Duncan, Avery Brashier, and Tilman Duncan, and the late Clara Grace Brashier; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Walt Brashier and for the example of service, philanthropy, and Christian leadership 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 Dr. Thomas Walter “Walt” Brashier, Sr., of Greenville 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 Dr. Thomas Walter “Walt” Brashier, Sr.

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