**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF STACY STRICKLAND OF YORK, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Stacy Strickland of York on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the age of fifty‑one; and

Whereas, born June 29, 1969 in Trenton, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Earl Allen and the late Gail Williams Lewis; and

Whereas, a well known fixture in the York County criminal justice system, Stacy Strickland got her start working at the Moss Justice Center in the York County Clerk of Court Office in 1997. In 2003, she was hired by the Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor’s Office, where she worked as the director of support services, the supervisor for the victim advocates and paralegals, and the administrative assistant to Solicitor Kevin Brackett; and

Whereas, she worked tirelessly in her position at the solicitor’s office out of a profound sense of duty and desire to seek justice for the victims of crime. Undeterred by the volume of work, she often stayed late and worked weekends, helping the office team, and tackling her job with excellence, purpose, and focus; and

Whereas, for many years, Stacy Strickland was often the first person with whom the public dealt when contacting the prosecutor’s office. She could be counted on to assure victims they were not forgotten and that their cases were handled with care, as she worked hard to raise awareness of the rights and needs of victims of crime, particularly victims of domestic violence; and

Whereas, she was crucial in the office’s move from a traditional antiquated database, to a modern, internet‑based record system that vastly improved the office’s efficiency. This change enabled the office to shift seamlessly to working from home when the COVID pandemic struck last year. She also oversaw the digitizing of more than a decade of paper casefiles to enable prosecutors and law enforcement to quickly ascertain a complete history of each offender when necessary; and

Whereas, Stacy was married for twenty‑six years to Tracy Strickland, a longtime detective at the York County Sheriff’s Office. According to Tracy, she made him a better person by who she was, someone who was committed to justice and who held victims in the highest regard; and

Whereas, a tremendous friend who loved to entertain, she invited countless solicitors and staff to nights around the fire pit in her immaculate backyard or on her boat on Lake Wylie. She also deeply loved her family, her yellow lab, Riggs, and cheering for the Chicago Cubs and the Clemson Tigers; and

Whereas, in addition to her husband and father, Stacy Strickland leaves to cherish her memory her sister, Lisa Roundtree; her stepmother, Susan Rhoades; her brothers, Ryan Rhoades, Taylor Rhoades, and Jeremy Rhoades; her four brothers‑in‑law; her two sisters‑in‑law; and a host of other family and friends. Profoundly loved and cherished, she will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing her. 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 Stacy Strickland of York, celebrate her life and achievements, and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tracy Strickland.

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