**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF SILVANA HANNA YAGHI, 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 to learn of the passing of Silvana Hanna Yaghi on Monday April 6, 2021, at the age of sixty; and

Whereas, one of five children, Silvana was born in Beirut, Lebanon on December 24, 1960 to Samira Korban and Georges Hanna. As a family, they immigrated to Canada when Silvana was only seven years old; and

Whereas, beginning a family at an early age, she was married at fifteen and over the next five years she had three children of her own. Eight years after that she was divorced and, with the help of her mother, she continued to raise three wonderful and blessed children. Despite the difficulties of her situation, Silvana dreamt of brighter things and began to study law while already employed doing three jobs; and

Whereas, with a beautiful determination and a undeniable diligence, over time Silvana found herself pursuing a variety of business ventures, including a seafood market, a rug business, real estate, the stock market, and gas stations. Her crown jewel, however, came in the form of a restaurant serving the Shandon community. Opened in 2012, Arabesque served as place in which Silvana could serve the community and share all of her many gifts and talents; and

Whereas, with a full and open heart, Silvana loved freely and fully and will be remembered as a mother figure by many. She cherished her nieces and nephews as though they were her own children, and she was always in search of ways to impact others to their benefit. Her generosity and her work ethic knew no bounds or limits; and

Whereas, preceded in death by her father and her brother, Elie Hanna, she leaves to cherish her memory her children, Peter Yaghi, Hala Yaghi Deschamps, and Samira Yaghi El‑Hage; her grandchildren, Brielle Deschamps and Olivia Davis Yaghi; and a host of other family and friends. She was deeply loved and 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of Silvana Hanna Yaghi, 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 the family of Silvana Hanna Yaghi.

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