**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOHN STEPHEN CRIMINGER OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the unexpected passing of John Stephen Criminger of Columbia on Monday, March 22, 2021, at the age of fifty‑one; and

Whereas, born in 1969, John was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and friend. His love of baseball and music helped him develop many lifelong friendships. He played baseball at Lancaster High School, Newberry College, and the University of South Carolina Aiken. He also played in the Milwaukee Brewers minor league organization; and

Whereas, he will be remembered by many, not only for his skill as an outstanding pitcher but also for the many memories he created with family and friends through music; and

Whereas, John Criminger leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Nichole Gilstrap Criminger, and his daughter, Cameron Criminger, both of Columbia; and

Whereas, he is further survived by his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Criminger (Brenda) of Lancaster; his sister, Danya Criminger Rock of Columbia; and his nephew, Logan Rock, as well as his niece, Madison Rock, also of Columbia. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lynn Criminger; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Crawford, Jr. (Marie), and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Criminger (Ruth). He will be greatly missed. 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 John Stephen Criminger of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Nichole Gilstrap Criminger.

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