**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR E. (ART) STORER OF AIKEN 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 passing of Arthur E. (Art) Storer of Aiken on May 20, 2021, at the venerable age of eighty‑two; and

Whereas, born in 1938 on Staten Island, New York, Art grew up from infancy in a beautiful rural setting in the Adirondack Mountains. It was challenging living in a cabin on a small farm without electricity or running water. Art learned from his father woodworking and construction skills, which served him well throughout his life. Loved by his peers and popular in school, Art was senior class president in high school; and

Whereas, after college, he served six years of active duty in the Navy as a commissioned officer, attaining the rank of captain and serving in Vietnam. He then served thirty‑one years in the Navy Reserve, finishing his Navy career at the Pentagon. In civilian life, he worked in the defense industry supporting Navy programs before retiring to Aiken with his wife, Ara; and

Whereas, all who met Art were touched by his generosity, his compassion, and his willingness to help others. He led the Cedar Creek Woodworkers Club for many years, and projects throughout Aiken and Cedar Creek reflect his leadership and vision. Among many other projects, these include the successful student mentoring program at the Stepping Stones Mission in New Ellenton, as well as the construction of Blessing Boxes in Aiken and New Ellenton, cabinets and tables at the Children’s Place, and picnic tables and signs for Equine Rescue of Aiken; and

Whereas, further, Art was actively involved in veterans’ causes. He served as vice president and president of the Aiken County chapter of the Military Officers Association. He worked with the American Legion and the USO to help veterans and active‑duty members of the military in Aiken and Columbia; and

Whereas, Art Storer leaves to cherish his memory his wife of thirty‑seven years, Ara; his stepchildren, Martin Robinson, Rebecca Kushner (Steven), and Felise Robinson (Dennis Ruth); two grandchildren, Jillian and Jake Kushner; and a host of other family members and friends. 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 Arthur E. (Art) Storer of Aiken 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. Ara Storer for the family.

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