**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF FREDDIE D. “FRED” MCCARTY, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Freddie D. “Fred” McCarty of Greenville, on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at the venerable age of seventy‑seven; and

Whereas, born July 21, 1944, in LaFollette, Tennessee, Fred was the son of Fred and Cleo McCarty; and

Whereas, hardworking and dedicated throughout his life, Fred was both a veteran of the United States Army and a thirty‑year retiree of the Chrysler manufacturing facility in Dayton, Ohio. Fred’s automotive career began on the assembly line, but he eventually retired as human resources manager, which he earned through many years of loyal and steadfast service. After many years working on the line, he had many fond memories of friends and coworkers at the plant and in the local union; and

Whereas, after he retired, Fred took the opportunity to fulfill one of his lifelong dreams, hiking the Appalachian Trail. Where many fail, Fred succeeded on his first attempt at the age of sixty‑two. Fiercely passionate of the endeavor and the locale, he returned to it as often as he was able, even making the trip with his sons who saw him successfully climb mountains, scramble along ridgelines, and log innumerable miles; and

Whereas, a native son of Tennessee, Fred was known for his love of the University of Tennessee Volunteers, and he always found time to enjoy home cooked meals and his favorite snacks. As a lover of all animals, Fred was known for his kindness to pets, strays, and even other animals, like raccoons and opossums, who might chance to wander onto his property; and

Whereas, highly skilled at small engine repair, Fred’s ability to assemble working lawn mowers from salvaged parts was extraordinary. He was also superb with his exterior maintenance, keeping an immaculate yard, beautiful flower beds, and a garden that always yielded enough extra vegetables for him to share with friends and family; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Kenneth McCarty; and his sister, Lola Chumbley; Fred leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of fifty‑four years, Linda; his sisters, Elsie Baldino, Trula Wilson, Gail Keeton, and Debbie Shields; his sister‑in‑law, Yvonne; his two sons, Ryan and Keith; his five grandchildren, Anderson, Logan, Forrest, Garrett, and Caroline, whom he greatly adored every day of their lives and who affectionately knew him as “Grumpy;” as well as a host of other family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of Freddie D. “Fred” McCarty, celebrate his life and achievements, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Linda McCarty.

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