**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ALICE LEWIS WYCHE HURLEY OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, 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 passing of Alice Lewis Wyche Hurley of Columbia on November 26, 2021, at the venerable age of eighty‑seven; and

Whereas, the daughter of Kellene Lewis Wyche and Rudolph Melville Wyche, MD, and stepdaughter of Carolyne Welborne Wyche, Alice Lewis Wyche Hurley came into this world on August 18, 1934, in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, at the tender age of nine, Alice lost her mother. In the eighth grade, she entered Palmer Memorial Institute, a private boarding school in Sedalia, North Carolina. The loss of her mother and entry into boarding school undoubtedly helped to shape Alice into the extraordinarily determined, no‑nonsense, independent, and pragmatic woman we all knew and loved; and

Whereas, in 1956, Alice received her bachelor’s degree from Boston University. After graduation, she moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where she served as a broadcaster for the famous radio station W.E.R.D. and began working on a master’s degree in social work from Atlanta University. Graduate school was temporarily placed on hold in 1961 when she married her longtime friend and fellow Palmerite, Anthony “Tony” Hurley. She gave birth to their first child, Brian, in 1962 and received her master’s degree in 1964, just months before giving birth to their second child, Kelly; and

Whereas, during her years in Columbia, Alice worked as a psychiatric social worker at Crafts Farrow State Hospital. In 1967, she began serving as a social worker for Richland School District One, later being promoted to coordinator of Social Work Services, the position from which she retired in 1996. Next, Alice served as a field liaison for the University of South Carolina’s College of Social Work and became a licensed funeral director, joining her husband at Manigault‑Hurley Funeral Home. After the closing of the funeral home and Tony’s passing, she joined the staff at Leevy’s Funeral Home. At eighty‑five, she retired; and

Whereas, further, Alice served on several boards and councils, including the Sisters of Charity Foundation and Eboni Dance Theatre. She established the William F. O’Neal Guild at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church and co‑founded the Columbia Urban League and the Poinsettia Cotillion with her husband. In addition, she was a grant writer and a published author, having written and co‑authored several articles for social work and medical journals; and

Whereas, for her contributions to her community, she was the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Association of Social Workers Social Worker of the Year Award and South Carolina’s highest civilian award, the Order of the Palmetto; and

Whereas, a woman of great faith, she was a dedicated parishioner of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Alice traveled the world and loved to read and work crossword puzzles; and

Whereas, Alice leaves to cherish her memory her children, Brian W. (Monica) Hurley, M.D., Kelly L. Hurley, and the Honorable Michelle H. (George) Johnson; her sister, F. Dianne Wyche; five grandchildren; two great‑grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and close friends. She 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 Alice Lewis Wyche Hurley of Columbia, celebrate her life, and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Brian W. Hurley for the family.

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