**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF AARON KEITH BRYAN OF ORANGEBURG, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, 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 by the passing of Aaron Keith Bryan of Orangeburg on November 3, 2021, at the age of forty‑nine; and

Whereas, Aaron Keith Bryan was born on August 27, 1972, to Leon and Jessie Mae Bryan in Philadelphia. He moved with his parents to Round O while in middle school and graduated from Walterboro High School in 1991; and

Whereas, while attending South Carolina State University, he began dating the love of his life, Stacy Middleton, and they were united in marriage on September 5, 1998. To this union, three beautiful, amazing daughters were born, Lauryn, Chloe, and Ariel. Aaron graduated from South Carolina State with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling; and

Whereas, Aaron spent most of his career as an HIV/AIDS educator but also worked as a comprehensive health educator for the South Carolina State Department of Education and as an educator for the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Most recently, he served as a career counselor at Denmark Technical College. He was a well‑known HIV/AIDS activist in South Carolina, and he served on the Orangeburg Calhoun Allendale and Bamberg Board of Directors for more than ten years; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Aaron attended Lighthouse Tabernacle Church with his family. On January 31, 2016, he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized in the name of the Lord. This devoted family man was a loving husband and father who always provided for, and doted on, his girls; and

Whereas, preceded in death by one brother, Leon Bryan, Jr., (Patricia), Aaron Bryan leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of twenty‑three years, Stacy Bryan; his daughters, Lauryn Bryan of Hampton, Virginia, Chloe Bryan of Spartanburg, and Ariel Bryan of the home; his brothers, Andre “Donald” Brown and Roger “Bo” Bryan (Denise), both of Philadelphia, as well as Donnell Bryan (Shana) of Summerville; his sisters, Paulette Bryan, Charlotte “Robin” Bryan, and Dorothy “Niecy” Bryan of Philadelphia, as well as Kesha Bryan of Summerville and Michelle “Jackie” Brown of Round O; his mother‑in‑law, Thomasena Middleton of Walterboro; his brothers‑in‑law, John Middleton (Sharill) of Walterboro and Travis Middleton (Kayla) of Sumter; his sister‑in‑law, Kyndra Middleton of Alexandria, Virginia; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be deeply missed.

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 Aaron Keith Bryan of Orangeburg, celebrate his life, 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. Stacy Bryan for the family.

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