**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JAMES B. HIERS OF BAMBERG 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 the Honorable James B. Hiers of Bamberg on January 6, 2022, at the age of eighty‑nine; and

Whereas, he was elected Bamberg County clerk of court in November 1988 and was the oldest serving clerk in South Carolina when he retired in 2021. Because of his dedication, professionalism, and business acumen, ‘‘Pedie,” as he was commonly known, became a friend and mentor to countless judges, lawyers, solicitors, court reporters, abstractors, and county residents. Bamberg County is a better place because of the life and service of Pedie Hiers; and

Whereas, born on November 9, 1932, in Walterboro, Mr. Hiers was a graduate of Dreher High School and the University of South Carolina. Prior to becoming Bamberg County clerk of court, he worked with the South Carolina Tax Commission and was in the fertilizer business with American Cyanamid and Carolina Eastern before owning and operating his own plant for many years; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, he served as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Bamberg; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of sixty‑seven years, Gerry Ray Hiers; his four sons, James B. Hiers, Jr. (Martine), Shannon H. Hiers, John M. Hiers, and Daniel R. Hiers (Liz); five grandchildren, Laura Ames Pendergraft, Hart Hiers, McIver Hiers, Headen Hiers, and Henry Hiers; and a host of other family members and friends; and

Whereas, the people of South Carolina were made better by Mr. Hiers’ influence and will greatly miss his impactful presence. 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 the Honorable James B. Hiers of Bamberg 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. Gerry Ray Hiers for the family.

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