**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES LOWELL “JIM” UNDERWOOD OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of James Lowell Underwood at the age of eighty‑four on January 8, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Rome, Georgia, on October 29, 1937, he was the son of the late Mildred Chandler Underwood and James S. Underwood; and

Whereas, in 1959, Mr. Underwood earned the prestigious *artium baccalaureatus* degree and a juris doctorate in 1962, both from Emory University, where he served as editor‑in‑chief of the *Emory Law Journal*. He served from 1962 to 1965 as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the United States Army and earned a *legum magister* degree from Yale University in 1966; and

Whereas, in 1966, Professor Underwood joined the faculty at the University of South Carolina School of Law, teaching constitutional law, federal practice, and civil and political rights. He served as the Strom Thurmond Professor of Law from 1981 to 2003, and he was awarded the title of Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Law upon his retirement in 2003; and

Whereas, from 1972 to 1973, he served as a Fulbright professor at Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland; and

Whereas, Professor Underwood served as acting director of the National Institute of Justice for the United States Department of Justice from 1981 to 1982 and as Captain Judge Advocate General’s Chair of Tenured Faculty from 1991 to 2003; and

Whereas, Professor Underwood authored and co‑authored twelve books: *Deadly Censorship: Murder, Honor and Freedom of the Press*; *The Dawn of Religious Freedom in South Carolina* with W. Lewis Burke; *At Freedom’s Door: African American Founding Fathers and Lawyers in Reconstruction South Carolina* with W. Lewis Burke; *The Constitution of South Carolina, Volume IV: The Struggle for Political Equality*; *Volume III: Church and State, Morality and Free Expression*; *Volume II: The Journey Toward Local Self‑Government*; *and Volume I: The Relationship of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Branches*; *A Guide to Federal Discovery Rules* (1986); *A Guide to Federal Discovery Rules* (1979); *Civil Trial Manual 2* with Ralph C. McCullough; *Civil Trial Manual* with Robert McFigg and Ralph C. McCullough; and *The Lawfulness of United States Assistance to the Republic of Viet Nam* with John Norton Moore and in collaboration with Myres S. McDougal; and

Whereas, his distinguished contributions have been honored with four awards for outstanding publications, two awards for outstanding teaching, and the Commandant’s Award for Highest Grade in international law special class of 1963 from the United States Army Judge Advocate General’s School; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Salem United Methodist Church, Mr. Underwood was honored as a member of the esteemed Phi Beta Kappa, and he was an American Law Institute life member; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of fifty‑two years, Joan Campbell Underwood, he reared a fine daughter, Mary‑Ann Belcher, who blessed him with the affection of two adoring grandsons, Joshua David and Steven W. Belcher; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Jim Underwood and for the example of academic and professional excellence he set for all who knew 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 their profound sorrow upon the passing of James Lowell “Jim” Underwood of Richland County and extend deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of James Lowell “Jim” Underwood.

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