**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOYCE ELISE DEWITT HORRES OF VARNVILLE, 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 Joyce Elise DeWitt Horres of Varnville on February 6, 2022, at the venerable age of ninety‑two; and

Whereas, born January 16, 1930, in Hampton, Joyce came into this world a daughter of Charlie Eddie DeWitt and Corrie Sauls DeWitt; and

Whereas, her years as an Air Force wife allowed her to travel extensively and participate in many shared activities in Girl Scouting with her three daughters. She established a day care for Scouting while stationed in Warner Robins, Georgia, and served as camp director for Camp Martha Johnson. She also was presented with the highest award for adult volunteers in Scouting, the Thanks Badge; and

Whereas, in 1974, Joyce returned to Hampton County when her husband, Aubrey, retired. In 1977, she opened Joyce’s Kake Korner in Varnville. She loved decorating cakes and catering for any occasion. For thirty years, Joyce’s “Kooking Korner” articles in both the *Hampton County Guardian* and *Lowcountry Life* gave her the opportunity to share her recipes with her community, family, and friends; and

Whereas, in 1990, Joyce Horres volunteered to serve on the Hampton County Watermelon Festival Committee (WFC) and became an integral part of it. She and her husband were responsible for the creation of Family Festival Fun Day and Taste of Hampton. She was an avid collector of all things watermelon, and in 1993 her kitchen was featured in *Sandlapper* magazine. Joyce remained active on the WFC until she was forced to retire in 2005, due to health issues; and

Whereas, her love for her community could be seen in her participation on Varnville Town Council, the American Legion Auxiliary, and Relay for Life, as well as in her work as a hospital volunteer. Further, she was a member of Varnville Baptist Church, where she served on many committees. In recognition of her service, she was chosen as Businesswoman of the Year and Rotarian of the Year in 2001; and

Whereas, predeceased by her husband of fifty‑six years, Aubrey Smith Horres, Joyce Horres leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Deborah Horres of Augusta, Georgia, Terri Wright of Warner Robins, Georgia, and Elisa Cummings (Mark) of Warner Robins, Georgia; four beloved grandchildren, Jason Morrison, Chandler Cummings (Kim), Brittany Pratt (Marshall), and Shelby Harsson (Skylar); five dear great‑grandchildren, Lillian, Lucas, Peter, Victoria, and Kaylie; and a host of other family members and 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 Joyce Elise DeWitt Horres of Varnville, 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 Deborah Horres for the family.

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