**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF QUINCY KNIGHTON OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Quincy Knighton at the age of one hundred eight on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, when she received her call from the Master and went home to be with the Lord; and

Whereas, born on June 12, 1913, in the early part of the twentieth century, she was witness to many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that spanned the globe from that time into the first quarter of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, Mrs. Knighton was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mariah Pruitt, and was born in Barbour County, Alabama, the last survivor of her parents’ thirteen children; and

Whereas, she well recalled being converted one Wednesday night, then becoming a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Barbour County where she later served as secretary of her Sunday school and a member of the Junior Missionary and of Junior Choir; and

Whereas, at the age of eighteen, Mrs. Knighton moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, where she later met and married her beloved husband, Leroy Knighton. While she lived in Battle Creek, she joined Second Baptist Church, and Mr. Knighton worked five years as an engineer on the railroad in Michigan, which allowed her the luxury of riding the train on a pass wherever she wanted to go; and

Whereas, she worked at Battle Creek Sanitarium, an early health resort, and as a model at L. W. Robinson Department Store. When buyers came into the store, she modeled hats and clothing at showings, and she also modeled for hairdressers; and

Whereas, during the Civil Rights Movement, Mrs. Knighton marched in Birmingham, Montgomery, and Tuskegee, Alabama, and she traveled to the Michigan State House for a day where the crowd marched and prayed for equality; and

Whereas, affectionately known as Mother Knighton, she was a member of the NAACP and the Urban League, and she was a flag bearer, marching for opportunities to have higher paying jobs and better homes for Black people; and

Whereas, when she moved to Beaufort, she joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Lobeco where she served as a church mother; then she moved her membership to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church where she was again one of the church mothers. She attended church almost every Sunday in order to fulfill what she saw as her duty to help others walk their Christian life; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Quincy Knighton and for the example of service and kindness she set for all who knew her during her remarkably long life. 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 Quincy Knighton of Beaufort County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Quincy Knighton.

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