**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JAMES “JIM” HERBERT MESSERVY, SR., OF SUMMERVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, 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 “Jim” Herbert Messervy, Sr., of Summerville, former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, on May 10, 2022, at the age of seventy‑six; and

Whereas, born in 1946, Jim attended The Citadel Military College of South Carolina in Charleston. Active within his school community and respected by his peers, he was a member of the Senior Class Board of Directors, was elected president of the Dorchester County Young Democrats, and served as chairman of the First Congressional District Young Democrats. He graduated with his bachelor’s degree in 1967 and later went on to earn his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1973; and

Whereas, Mr. Messervy exemplified what it meant to be a public servant. In 1974, he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives where he served the people of Dorchester County for two years. In addition, he served as a prosecutor with the Dorchester County Solicitor’s Office; as attorney for the town of Ridgeville; as a Dorchester County Magistrate Judge; and finally as a part‑time magistrate judge for the town of Summerville; and

Whereas, a distinguished attorney with over four decades of experience, Mr. Messervy ran a successful practice in Summerville since 1973. In 2008, along with his daughter Tiffany Provence, Provence Messervy, LLC was formed where they specialized in family law and criminal defense. He was passionate about addressing children’s needs within the context of family law and aided many children through his handling of over one thousand cases; and

Whereas, because he strongly believed in active community involvement, he put his convictions into action by serving his own community in various capacities. Mr. Messervy served as president and legal counsel for Dorchester Paws (formerly Francis R. Willis SPCA) and as the director of the Dorchester County Heart Society.

He was an avid supporter and sponsor of Children in Crisis, Inc., the Summerville YMCA, as well as The Citadel Brigadier Foundation; and

Whereas, a man who embodied the spirit of service, Jim lived a full and tremendously fulfilling life. His legacy, and the positive impact he had on innumerable lives will serve as a guide to others and for generations to come; and

Whereas, Mr. Messervy leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Linda Thomas Messervy; his three children, Tiffany Provence of Daniel Island, JJ Messervy of Summerville, and Ashleigh Messervy of Charleston; his six grandchildren; a host of other family and friends, and the community he devoted his life to serving. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing 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 upon the passing of the Honorable James Herbert Messervy, Sr., of Summerville, celebrate his life and achievements, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of the Honorable James Herbert Messervy, Sr.

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