**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS OF STEPHEN LEE JENNINGS OF UNION COUNTY UPON HIS PASSING AND TO EXPRESS TO THEM THEIR PROFOUND SORROW.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Stephen Lee Jennings at the age of thirty‑one on April 22, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Spartanburg on December 18, 1990, he was the son of Rose Mary Jennings and grew up in a loving home with his twin sister, Stephanie Jennings; and

Whereas, in his youth, Stephen joined Saint Paul Baptist Church of Union. He served as the minister of music at Majority Baptist Church of Spartanburg and shared his musical gifts by playing for various churches and groups; and

Whereas, Mr. Jennings earned a bachelor’s degree in music from Limestone University where he served as a resident assistant for over two years. He earned a master’s degree in educational leadership from DePaul University and was working toward a doctorate in educational practice and innovation from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he began his professional career as a student success coordinator at Spartanburg Methodist College; and

Whereas, from 2014 through 2021, Mr. Jennings served on staff at Limestone University where he began as an assistant Testing Center proctor. In 2015, he became the coordinator of the Testing Center and added the role of coordinator of Limestone University’s Call Me MISTER program in 2019; and

Whereas, in August 2021, he began serving as a music teacher at Sims Middle School in Union; and

Whereas, a faithful servant, Mr. Jennings accompanied the Gospel group Serenity, directed the Sounds of Diversity Choir and Orchestra of Spartanburg County, and led the music for Spartanburg Baptist Association; and

Whereas, he served as minister of music for Thomas Chapel AME Church in Union, Corinth Baptist Church in Union, Ridgeville Baptist Church in Inman, and Wyatt Chapel Baptist Church in Union County; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, LaTyphani, he was rearing two fine sons, Carter and Carsten, to whom he was a devoted husband and father; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Stephen Jennings who loved the Lord and exemplified the love of God in all his daily actions. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, extend their deepest sympathy to the loving family and many friends of Stephen Lee Jennings of Union County upon his passing and express to them their profound sorrow.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Stephen Lee Jennings.

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