**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 DAVID CHRISTOPHER BARKER OF LEXINGTON COUNTY UPON HIS PASSING AND TO EXPRESS THEIR PROFOUND SORROW TO THEM.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of David Christopher Barker, a computer engineer with the Legislative Services Agency of the South Carolina General Assembly at the age of fifty‑three on June 4, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Gary, Indiana, on November 3, 1968, he was the son of Kristine Weldin (formerly Burroughs) and Jon Barker, and he graduated from Maumee High School in Maumee, Ohio; and

Whereas, he attended West Georgia University on a football scholarship, where he played quarterback before suffering a career‑ending injury. He moved back to Ohio to continue his education at Toledo University where he completed one hundred twenty hours in engineering computer science in 1993; and

Whereas, he had over twenty‑five years of experience as a senior network consultant and trainer, serving with Professional Computer Development Corporation and as an independent consultant for a number of years, and from 2006 to 2021, he was a consultant‑trainer with Training Concepts before moving to South Carolina to serve the General Assembly in June 2021; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Charleen Flory Barker, in 2001, and he had three fine children: Victoria, Samantha, and Hayden. He was a devoted father, always encouraging his children to do well academically while never missing his son’s baseball games or his daughter’s cross country/track meets; and

Whereas, an avid reader and a religious man, he was faithfully devoted with his family to activities at Corpus Christi Catholic Church; and

Whereas, he enjoyed watching football, basketball, and baseball, especially his favorite teams, the South Carolina Gamecocks and Miami Dolphins, while barbequing with neighbors; and

Whereas, he loved road trips to the beach and mountains, and most recently he escorted his younger daughter to Utah for her first year of college; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of David Barker and for the example of excellence and service 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, extend their deepest sympathy to the loving family and many friends of David Christopher Barker of Lexington County upon his passing and express their profound sorrow to them.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of David Christopher Barker.

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