**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JOHN HENRY MARTIN OF ESTILL, OWNER OF MARTIN FUNERAL HOME, ON BEING NAMED GEORGIA’S 2ND DISTRICT MORTICIAN OF THE YEAR, AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that John Henry Martin of Estill, was recognized as Georgia’s 2nd District Mortician of the Year; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Estill, Mr. Martin has been an active member throughout Hampton County as well as within the local school district. For over thirty years, he was employed by Hampton County School District 2, where he held numerous positions including transportation director, athletic director, basketball coach, football coach, and worked with the facilities, maintenance, and custodial departments; and

Whereas, since his 2015 retirement from the school district, Mr. Martin has dedicated himself fully to Martin Funeral Home, as owner, funeral director, and embalmer. Since opening his first location in Estill in 1986 and a second location in Brunswick, Georgia in 2020, he has provided comfort and final dignity to families throughout Hampton County and Brunswick, Georgia; and

Whereas, because he believes strongly in active service to his community and beyond, Mr. Martin holds membership in various organizations. These include the National Funeral Director and Mortician Association, Hampton County Transportation Board, Arnold Fields Community Endowment Board, NAACP, South Carolina Education Association, National Education Association, Masonic Lodge Steepbottom 300, Martin Temple CME Church, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Epsilon Nu Delta Mortuary Fraternity. He has also served as past president of the SC Association of Pupil Transportation, past governor for District 1 of the SC Mortician Association, and vice chairman for District 2 of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioner Association; and

Whereas, the members of the House recognize that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like John Henry Martin who use their talents and resources to serve others. The members, therefore, take great pleasure in adding their collective voice to the tributes flowing in to honor Mr. Martin for his committed service. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate John Henry Martin of Estill, owner of Martin Funeral Home, on being named Georgia’s 2nd District Mortician of the Year, and thank him for his service to the community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to John Henry Martin.

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