**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BENTHAM WALKER EDMUNDS OF SUMTER, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bentham Walker Edmunds of Sumter on June 3, 2022, at the venerable age of eighty; and

Whereas, a native of Sumter, he was born a son of Champion Moore Edmunds and Elizabeth Hayes Lucas Walker Edmunds in 1941; and

Whereas, as a man of faith, Mr. Edmunds was a member of the Church of the Holy Comforter. Further, this patriotic American served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam War veteran. During his long career, he was a sales representative, having served for forty‑seven years with Educational Products of Columbia and Blankenship & Associates, Inc., in Raleigh, North Carolina, prior to his retirement; and

Whereas, his family was his most precious possession. His grandsons, Hugh, Austin, and Ben, brought tremendous joy to his life. Even though his body was limited over the course of his last years, he did not let this challenge limit the quality time he had with his boys. He talked to them daily and knew every detail involving their lives; and

Whereas, preceded in death by his sister Elizabeth Edmunds Messersmith and his brother Richard Champion “Dick” Edmunds, Bentham Walker Edmunds leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Tempe Austin Edmunds of Sumter; a daughter, Leigh Edmunds McLaurin (Hugh McLaurin IV) of Sumter; two brothers, deSaussure Davis “D.D.” Edmunds (Peggy) of Georgetown and Samuel Henry “Cricket” Edmunds (Randa) of Sumter; a sister, Mary Edmunds Reed of Sumter; three grandchildren, Hugh McFaddin McLaurin V, Austin Lucas McLaurin, and Bentham Edmunds McLaurin; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed. 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 Bentham Walker Edmunds of Sumter, celebrate his life, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Tempe Austin Edmunds for the family.

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