**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 JOSEPH REYES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY UPON HIS PASSING AND EXPRESS TO THEM THEIR PROFOUND SORROW.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Joseph Reyes at the age of eighty‑two on Sunday, May 22, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Manhattan, New York, on September 8, 1939, Joseph was the son of the late Domingo Reyes and Maria Cedeno and was reared in a loving home with six siblings: the late Edward Santiago, the late Abraham Santiago, the late James Cabot, Dominic Reyes, Raymond Cabot, and Alice Reyes; and

Whereas, although he spent his formative years in Texas, he returned to New York City in his youth, where he attended New York Public Schools; and

Whereas, a dedicated professional in the medical field, he married his beloved wife, the late Delores Ann Law, on May 2, 1974, and they built their married life in South Carolina; and

Whereas, together they reared six wonderful children: Tyrone Law of Florence; Victoria Dunn of Charlotte, North Carolina; Jonathan Reyes of Grayson, Georgia; Steven Reyes of Bonaire, Georgia; Edward Reyes of Norfolk, Virginia; and Maria Reyes of Winnsboro. He was also blessed with two special children, Lorenzo Edwards of Washington, D.C., and Natasha Hunter of Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, his children blessed him with the affection of thirteen loving grandchildren: Ertaquetta Dunn, Jaukina Chase, Tiffany Brown, Crystal Law, Brittany Coleman, Tatiana Reyes, Steven Sabastian Reyes, Julian Reyes, Jasmine Reyes, Nicholas Reyes, Dante Reyes, Delores Molo‑Reyes, and Joseph Wilson‑Reyes and with seven great‑grandchildren: Nakayla, D. J., Niyasia, Nilah, Jordan, Kobi, and Karasi; and

Whereas, devoted to his community, he supported, mentored, and provided new mental and physical experiences to many of the youth, experiences such as chess, checkers, bowling, and traveling; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Joseph Reyes and for the example of service and kindness 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 large and loving family and many friends of Joseph Reyes of Fairfield 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 Joseph Reyes.

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