**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ESTELLE ELIZABETH LAWSON AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Estelle Elizabeth Lawson at the age of eighty‑seven on August 16, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Camden on June 28, 1935, she was the daughter of the late William “Joe” and Ethel Lawson, and she was raised in a loving home with five siblings: Alice R. Lawson of New Rochelle, New York; William Lawson of Garner, North Carolina; the late Charity Lee Lawson; the late Virginia Marie Groom; and the late Catherine Willene Washington; and

Whereas, Ms. Lawson was educated in the Kershaw County public school system and graduated from Jackson High School in Camden in 1954; and

Whereas, she moved to New Rochelle, New York, after graduation and enhanced her career opportunities when she graduated from secretarial school. After spending most of her career in the wholesale jewelry business in New York City, she retired from Pitney Bowes in 2000; and

Whereas, a long‑time resident of New Rochelle, Ms. Lawson had been a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church since 1960, where she served on the Senior Usher Board, in the Missionary Ministry, and as a volunteer in the church’s food pantry; and

Whereas, Ms. Lawson enjoyed cooking and bowling, and she was an avid reader. She eagerly followed current events by reading at least three newspapers per day and especially enjoyed keeping up with events in her hometown of Camden, maintaining a subscription to its local newspaper, *The Camden Chronicle*; and

Whereas, she reared an outstanding daughter, Joanie Marie Lawson, of Clayton, North Carolina, and her daughter blessed her with the affection of a loving grandson, Taylor Justin Lawson; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Estelle Elizabeth Lawson and for the example of service and love she set for all who knew her. 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 Estelle Elizabeth Lawson and extend their deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Estelle Elizabeth Lawson.

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