**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARION LORRAINE WALKINE‑MARTIN OF BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was saddened to learn of the death of Marion Walkine‑Martin at the age of ninety‑four on August 15, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Miami, Florida, on December 15, 1927, she was the daughter of Una McKinney and Randolph Walkine, both of whom were natives of the village of Landrail Point on Crooked Island in the Bahamas; and

Whereas, at an early age she gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Bethlehem Baptist Church. She joined the Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she was a member of the Faysonite Board, Agnes M. Ball Missionary Society, and the Living in Faith Ministry; and

Whereas, young Marion attended Miami‑Dade County public schools, including Phyllis Wheatley and Booker T. Washington. She graduated from Sunlight School of Beauty Culture in 1960 and practiced as a licensed beautician; and

Whereas, she held numerous jobs in downtown Miami, including work in retail stores and a children’s clothing manufacturer. Miami was racially segregated during those years, but she persevered. Later she pursued a career in education and served in Miami‑Dade County as a teacher’s assistant for nineteen years. She was a member of the United Teachers of Dade; and

Whereas, she first registered to vote on March 17, 1966, at a time when many people were intimidated by the process. The importance of voting remained a lifelong commitment of hers; and

Whereas, she was an excellent cook, and her specialty was Bahamian dishes, especially pigeon peas and rice; and

Whereas, Ms. Walkine‑Martin reared two children, Bruce G. Thompson and Lovette E. McGill. Her children blessed her with four grandchildren: April Thompson, Yamese Jenkins, Kayondra Screen, and Onyango Thompson. She also had seven great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, together with her husband, James Edward Martin, Jr., she accomplished her lifelong dream to purchase a home. She lived in that home in Buena Vista, Florida, until her death; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the life of Marion Walkine‑Martin and for the example 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 Marion Lorraine Walkine‑Martin of Buena Vista, Florida, 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 Marion Lorraine Walkine‑Martin.

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