**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF YOUSEF ABDULHAMID MEFLEH OF WESTMINSTER, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the passing of Yousef Abdulhamid Mefleh of Westminster on August 20, 2022, at the age of sixty‑seven; and

Whereas, born in Jerusalem on May 17, 1955, Yousef was the son of the late Abdulhamid Yousef Mefleh and Mariam Yousef Yasin; and

Whereas, in 1975, Yousef came to Oconee County, where he began working at the Walhalla Steak House, Westminster Hotel Restaurant, and also BJ’s Cafeteria in Clayton, Georgia. But what Yousef was known for in the community was Yousef’s Kitchen, which he opened in 1985; and

Whereas, until his passing, Yousef served as a city councilman for the City of Westminster, a post he had held since 2014. He was known and respected as an amazing father, grandfather, and businessman. The love he had for his family and his country was indescribable; he was dedicated to both. He also showed great compassion, never met a stranger, and considered everyone he knew as family; and

Whereas, Yousef Abdulhamid Mefleh leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Susan Kelley Mefleh; his son, Abed Mefleh of Westminster; his daughters, Meriam Smith (Matt) of Anderson, Tracy Nichols of Westminster, and Krystal Bowen of Seneca; 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 Yousef Abdulhamid Mefleh of Westminster, 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. Susan Kelley Mefleh for the family.

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