**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF LYNETTE BRYANT FRYAR OF COLLETON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Bells Community resident in Ruffin, Lynette Bryant Fryar, at the age of seventy‑one on April 16, 2021; and

Whereas, born in Ruffin on November 19, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Pattie Mae Gruber Bryant and Leon Bryant, Sr., and she graduated as valedictorian from Ruffin High School in 1967 and attended Orangeburg‑Calhoun Technical College to pursue a career in secretarial science; and

Whereas, introduced to the church at an early age, Ms. Fryar continued her spiritual growth, serving in various capacities, such as financial secretary, treasurer, assistant Sunday school teacher, and minister; and

Whereas, she worked in the Colleton County School System, and in 1972, she began a thirty‑six‑year career with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service as an administrative assistant and a coordinator for special programs; and

Whereas, at the Clemson Extension, Ms. Fryar helped to implement advanced programs in order to improve the lives of South Carolinians through enhancing educational efforts in youth development and public outreach programs in Colleton County; and

Whereas, after her retirement, she worked for AmeriCorps for three years before joining the Colleton County Sheriff’s Office in 2009 as a victims’ advocate, bringing justice and much‑needed support to victims of crime, until her recent passing; and

Whereas, over the years, Ms. Fryar shared her ability in many volunteer capacities: director for Youth Leadership Colleton, coordinator for Backpack Buddies in Colleton County, commissioner of Colleton Elections and Voter Registration Board, vice chair of Colleton County Improvement Collaborative, trustee and vice chair of HCA Hospital, president of Colleton County American Cancer Society, chair of Colleton County American Cancer Society Rehabilitation Committee, chair of South Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Secretaries, advisor of South Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Secretaries, liaison to Ruffin High School and Colleton County Vocational Center, and chair and vice chair of Colleton County Branch of the NAACP; and

Whereas, deeply committed to Colleton County, Ms. Fryar served as a former member of the South Carolina Department of Education Personal Pathways Committee, Keep Colleton Beautiful Committee, Lowcountry Food Bank board, Colleton County School Board, Clemson University Cooperative Extension Futures Task Force, and Colleton County Transition Committee for the merger of Ruffin and Walterboro high schools; and

Whereas, she was honored for her work as a recipient of Clemson University’s Outstanding Service Award; and

Whereas, she reared three fine daughters: Katrina Fryar of Columbia; Ronda Cropp of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Muriel Fryar of Atlanta, Georgia. Her children blessed her with the affection of two grandchildren, Cayla Keplinger and Triston Cropp, and one great‑grandchild Windsor Keplinger, all of Charlotte; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Lynette Fryar and for the example of service and joy she set for all who knew her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Lynette Bryant Fryar of Colleton County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lynette Bryant Fryar.

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