**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF GARY MCJUNKIN AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gary McJunkin of North Charleston on March 28, 2021, at the venerable age of eighty‑nine; and

Whereas, a native of Greenville, Gary McJunkin was born on October 12, 1931 to parents Ruth T. and James E. McJunkin; and

Whereas, a veteran of the United States Army, he served for two years, including a year in Korea; and

Whereas, Mr. McJunkin worked for the Cooper River Parks and Playground Commission, where he served as director; and

Whereas, over the years, he was active in recreation and public service at both the local and state levels. Affectionately known as “Mr. Mac,” he was an officer of the South Carolina Recreation and Park Society for twenty‑five years and worked in the Parks and Recreation Department; and

Whereas, as a volunteer with the Charleston County Legislative Delegation, Mr. McJunkin facilitated an annual holiday drop-in, served as sergeant at arms and chaplain, handled Charleston County Park and Recreation Development Fund applications, and served as a resource at delegation meetings; and

Whereas, a lifetime supporter of athletics, Mr. McJunkin served as the commissioner of Palmetto Boys Baseball, South Carolina state director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, member of the Dixie Youth Baseball National Board of Directors, commissioner of Dixie Youth Baseball, and life member of the Dixie Youth Baseball National Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Mr. McJunkin received a number of honors and awards in recognition of his outstanding service, including the Order of the Palmetto; the Charleston Sports Council Lifetime Achievement Award; and induction into the Dixie Youth Baseball Hall of Fame, Charleston Baseball Hall of Fame, and South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, in addition to loving his family and serving his community through recreation programs, Gary McJunkin loved God and loved serving people by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. The son of a Baptist minister and a man of deep faith, he served for twenty‑seven years as a pastor and interim pastor in several churches in the Charleston area; and

Whereas, Mr. McJunkin was preceded in death in 2004 by his wife of thirty‑seven years, Dot McJunkin; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory three children, Steve Kennedy, Cindy Kennedy, and Danny McJunkin (Angela); four grandchildren, Michael Smith (Lori), Amy Smith, Stephanie Spencer (Justin), and Daniel McJunkin; two great‑grandchildren, McKinlee Smith and Aubree Spencer; a sister, Bebe Cauthen (Sidney); a sister‑in‑law, Faye Hiers; two special friends, Gene Booth (Hazel) and Keith Summey (Debbie); and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Gary McJunkin and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gary McJunkin.

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