**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF GRACIE S. BROOME AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Gracie S. Broome on June 26, 2021; and

Whereas, a native of Marion, Gracie S. Broome was born on October 7, 1928 to the late Reverend Lorenzo and Odessa L. Stevenson. She attended South Carolina State University, where she majored in elementary education; and

Whereas, with a love for children and a passion for cooking and feeding others, Gracie ran a daycare center and operated Broome’s Kitchen in her spare time. She kept the mission of the kitchen alive by cooking there late into her eighties; and

Whereas, Gracie was married to the late Mr. T. C. Broome, a military veteran. She had seven children, three deceased, Theopia Aiken, Keith Broome, and Darryl Broome, and four surviving, Jeneatha Padilla, Keith Patterson, Jamar Gardner, and Sharmaine Thomas; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, she was a member of New Born Assembly Church. She enjoyed teaching, serving, and participating in many auxiliaries throughout the church. Gracie’s purpose in life was intentional, and she would often remind everyone by singing her favorite song, “If I can help somebody as I go along the way, then my living will not be in vain”; and

Whereas, as a family-oriented individual, Gracie was dedicated to helping others and loving God. Her favorite activities included fellowshipping with the Stevenson family and friends; and

Whereas, Gracie was preceded in death by her beloved grandson Reverend Senator Clementa Pinckney. Her fondest memories of her late grandson included her first time hearing him preach a sermon in Ridgeland, and witnessing him bring progressive change to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, Gracie leaves to cherish her memory a host of loving family members and friends. She 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 Gracie Broome and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gracie S. Broome.

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