**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES EDWARD “ED” “PUNKY” HOLLER, SR. 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 Punky Holler on November 21, 2021; and

Whereas, a native of Bluefield, West Virginia, Mr. Holler was born on January 23, 1940 to parents Clifton Holler and Ruth Fuquay. He attended Dreher High School, where he was voted “Most Athletic”; and

Whereas, Mr. Holler was an alumnus of the University of South Carolina, where he was a two-year letterman for baseball and a three-year letterman for football, as well as a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity; and

Whereas, after obtaining his graduate degree at the University of South Carolina, Mr. Holler was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. He played for the Packers under Vince Lombardi from 1963 to 1964, when he was traded to the Pittsburgh Steelers. He then played football in Canada for three additional years; and

Whereas, Mr. Holler received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1969. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar, the United States District Court, the United States Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. He was a speaker at the National Trial Lawyers Association in Toronto and New Orleans; and

Whereas, Mr. Holler was a long‑time practicing attorney in Columbia following his athletic career. He was the founding partner in the law firm of Holler, Dennis, Garner, Corbett, and Freeman, which later became Holler, Garner, Corbett, Gilchrist, and Mason. He practiced criminal, domestic, and personal injury law and was a sports agent for many athletes, including Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers; and

Whereas, he was a member of the South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, as well as a member of the American Trial Lawyers Association and American Bar Association, the National District Attorneys Association, and many other civil and professional associations. He was a member of the National Football League Alumni Association and the Sports Lawyers Association. He was elected to the Board of Governors for the South Carolina Trial Lawyers and was Chairman of South Carolina Trial Lawyers convention for over twenty years; and

Whereas, Mr. Holler leaves to cherish his memory is his wife of almost thirty-eight years, Renee Holler; his children, Mary Peck (Michael), James Edward “Eddie” Holler, Jr., Trevor Morrison “Mo” Holler (Emily), and Logan Elizabeth Holler; his grandchildren, Sutton Peck, Reese Peck, and Smith Holler; his brother, Cliff Holler (Annelle) and sister, Barbara Hiller (Buddy); and several nieces and nephews. 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 James Edward “Ed” “Punky” Holler, Sr. 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 Punky Holler.

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