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A senate RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF Hannah ruth timmons 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 death of Hannah Ruth Timmons on September 18, 2022; and

Whereas, a native of Kingstree, Ms. Timmons was born on August 12, 1934 to parents John Harmon Timmons, Jr. and Helen Ruth Wesley Timmons. She graduated from Manning High School in 1952. She attended the University of South Carolina and received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Education; and

Whereas, Ms. Timmons began her career as a teacher in Manning, where she taught for two years. She went on to teach in Columbia’s Richland District One for twenty‑eight years; and

Whereas, upon her retirement from teaching, Ms. Timmons was an active civic leader, dedicated to her work as a representative of the South Carolina Silver Haired Legislature from its inception in 1999 until her death. She served as the Immediate Past Speaker from 2015 until 2018 and as Acting Treasurer from 2020 until her passing; and

Whereas, Ms. Timmons also served as the Chair of the Board for the National Silver Haired Congress from 2008 until 2012. She was on the board of Directors of Senior Resources, a member of the DHHS Real Choice Advisory Council, and a member of the Coalition for Successful Aging representing the South Carolina Silver Haired Legislature; and

Whereas, Ms. Timmons was also the AARP Chapter #4809 President, Secretary, and Vice President. She volunteered for the Richland County Education Association in various roles, including as the president, vice president, parliamentarian, convention delegate, and secretary; and

Whereas, over the years, Ms. Timmons received a number of honors and awards, including the AARP NRTA 50th Anniversary National Retired Educator Award for South Carolina, the Richland County Education Association‑Retired‑Outstanding Volunteer Award, and the South Carolina Education Association‑Retired Member of the Year Award; and

Whereas, in her free time, she enjoyed reading and traveling. She was also fond of The Hansom Wheels, an official scion society of The Baker Street Irregulars, a group devoted to preserving the memory of Sherlock Holmes. She enjoyed attending ballets at the Koger Center and attending musicals and plays at the Town Theatre, Trustus Theatre, and the Columbia Children’s Theatre with her friends and beloved family; and

Whereas, Ms. Timmons was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis Mitchell of Manning; and

Whereas, Ms. Timmons leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Paul Timmons, Sr.; her nephew, Paul Timmons, Jr.; her niece, Rachel Adams; her sister, Harriett Miller, and Harriet’s immediate family; her stepchildren, James Mitchell, Jr., Janice Wyatt Mitchell, and Lloyd Mitchell; her “adoptive” family, Manuel and Lucero Mesa, Laura LaBoone, Adriana Dickert, Anna Mesa, Megan LaBoone, Thomas LaBoone, Lucas Dickert, and Jacob Dickert, whom she considered to be her own grandchildren and great grandchildren. 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 Hannah Ruth Timmons 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 Hannah Ruth Timmons.

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