**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE DEATH OF DR. TRUMAN MICHAEL RALEY OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Truman Michael Raley of Columbia on January 26, 2013; and

Whereas, Mike Raley was born in Paris, France, on May 20, 1948, and adopted by the late Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Perry Truman and Edna Allen Raley. As an Army brat, the young Mike traveled the world and developed the principles of loyal dedication, humble servitude, and genuine friendship that followed him wherever he went; and

Whereas, after attending the USMA at West Point, he served for six years in the Army Reserve. He finished his bachelor’s degree in sociology at Augusta College and went on to earn his doctorate in counseling at the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, Dr. Raley then served in various counseling and academic roles at Odessa College in Texas, the University of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. He ended his twenty‑year career at the commission as director of academic affairs and licensing; and

Whereas, known for his outgoing friendliness and varied interests, Mike was a natural multitasker who dabbled and excelled in hobbies such as shag dancing, auto‑cross racing, backpacking, radio‑controlled flying, photography, and computers. He enjoyed amateur building and was an avid reader; and

Whereas, because he believed strongly in active community involvement, Dr. Raley was a frequent volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and an active member of the Capital City Shag Club and Sportscar Club of America. In addition, he served as president of his homeowners association for many years and was an ardent supporter of the South Carolina Philharmonic, Columbia City Ballet, American Red Cross, and public education; and

Whereas, as the proud father of daughters Erin Raley Crum and Katherine Raley and delighted grandfather of grandson Nolan Crum and a soon‑to‑be granddaughter, Mike Raley counted his family as one of the great joys of his life; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his children, grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends. Dr. Mike Raley, a man of great integrity and wit, will be dearly missed by those who were fortunate enough to know him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Dr. Truman Michael Raley of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Erin Raley Crum for the family.

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