**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JEREMIAH JOSEPH “JERRY” GUERIN OF AIKEN COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Jeremiah Joseph “Jerry” Guerin at the age of seventy‑five on Tuesday, January 29, 2013; and

Whereas, born in Tipperary, Ireland, he was the son of the late Michael and Bridget O’Dwyer Guerin and immigrated to the United States as a teenager in 1958, never losing his delightfully lilting Irish accent; and

Whereas, in 1958, Jerry Guerin was a member of the Irish Olympic Cycle Team, and then he served with distinction in the United States Army from 1958 to 1964; and

Whereas, after leaving military service, he continued his education and then worked as a sales manager and member of the Government Council for Wyeth Pharmaceutical for thirty‑five years, living in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Texas, Missouri, and Georgia before settling in Aiken in 1999; and

Whereas, as a shining example of patriotism, he served as chairman of the Aiken County Tea Party and organized rallies to spread the organization’s views. He knew that an ordinary disagreement among citizens on an issue did not make them enemies, but considered open exchange a part of civil discourse in politics that he sought to restore; and

Whereas, a devoted member of St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, he served his fellow congregants as a Eucharistic minister and as an usher, and he was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife of fifty‑one years, Philomena Fitzgerald Guerin, he reared two fine children: Joseph Guerin of Bluffton and Fiona Pollard of Hilton Head; and they were blessed with a loving grandson, Michael Sean Guerin of Houston; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Jerry Guerin and for the example of sacrifice and commitment he set for all who knew and admired him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Jeremiah Joseph “Jerry” Guerin of Aiken County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Jeremiah Joseph “Jerry” Guerin.

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