**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF HARRIETT L. HAWKINS NEAL OF KERSHAW AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Harriett L. Hawkins Neal of Kershaw on December 17, 2014, at the age of seventy‑one; and

Whereas, born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Glenn Madison and Mary Sue Robbins Hawkins; and

Whereas, in preparation for her life’s work in education, the young Harriett graduated from King’s College. After thirty‑nine years of dedicated service, she retired from the Lancaster County School District; and

Whereas, in 1966, she married the love of her life, the Honorable James M. “Jimmy” Neal, a former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for District 44, and together they raised two fine sons, Bryant and Scott, who blessed their parents with six grandchildren; and

Whereas, sports held an important place in Harriett Neal’s life. An avid walker, she reveled in attending sporting events, as well as in traveling with friends; and

Whereas, this woman of faith received her spiritual sustenance and served her God as a member of Center Grove Baptist Church, and she lived out her faith in the love she showed to others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Neal leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of forty‑eight years; her two sons, Bryant Neal (Beth) of Kershaw and Scott Neal (Jody) of Camden; five grandchildren, Laura Beth Neal, Blythe Milbourne Neal, Sloane Caroline Neal, Bry Neal, and Ava Townsend Neal; and two sisters, Glenda Reeves (Deanie) of Chester and Libby Best of Florence. She was predeceased by a granddaughter, Emily Elizabeth Neal; a sister, Peggy Sue Hawkins; and a brother‑in‑law, Robert Best. Harriett Neal will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. 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 Harriett L. Hawkins Neal of Kershaw and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honorable James M. “Jimmy” Neal for the family.

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