**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND JAMES RONALD CANNION AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Reverend James Ronald Cannion on Monday, March 27, 2017 at the age of sixty-six; and

Whereas, James Ronald Cannion, son of Rosa Kay Cannion and the late Elijah Cannion, was born on October 20, 1950 in Translyvania, North Carolina; and

Whereas, James graduated from Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, where he was a member of the band and the football team. He went to Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina on a football scholarship, where he furthered his education and pledged Iota Phi Upsilon. James also earned a degree in religion and philosophy from Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina in 1998 and a Master of Divinity from Erskine Theological Seminary in 2001; and

Whereas, in 1975, James joined the United Stated Navy and completed two years of active duty and two years in the reserves. In 1979, he received an honorable discharge; and

Whereas, James married Marva Gailene Burrows on November 27, 1975. Together, they had two children, Kimily Danielle and James Rodney; and

Whereas, James was employed for many years at Carolina Power and Light Company. In addition, he enjoyed doing electrical work on the side. James taught electricity at the Hemingway Area Vocational Center and thoroughly loved working with staff and students. He was a dedicated and compassionate electrician; and

Whereas, following his spiritual calling, Reverend Cannion was ordained as a deacon in the United Methodist Church on May 29, 2001 in Spartanburg, South Carolina and as an elder on May 27, 2003. Over the years, he was blessed to serve the United Methodist Church through assignments in several locations, including Greeleyville Parish, South Greenville, Shiloh Charge, New Life, Summerville Parish, and Centenary‑Kingsville in Hartsville, South Carolina. Reverend Cannion served faithfully until his health began to fail; and

Whereas, Reverend Cannion was preceded in death by one brother, Randolph Cannion; and

Whereas, Reverend Cannion leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Marva Gailene Cannion; two children, Kimily (Travis) Brown and James (Tiffany); three grandchildren, William Brown, Nicolas Brown, and Pearl Cannion; mother, Rosa Kay Cannion; three brothers, Anthony (Stephanie) Cannion, Gregory (Joann) Cannion, and Dwayne (Clarissa) Cannion; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He will be missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Reverend James Ronald Cannion and extend their deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Marva Gailene Cannion.

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