**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF BISHOP COLIE L. “JOSH” LORICK, JR., OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE 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 Bishop Colie L. “Josh” Lorick, Jr., of Columbia on April 5, 2017, at the age of sixty‑four; and

Whereas, born on September 22, 1952, in Columbia, Josh Lorick was the son of Colie L. Lorick, Sr., and Elease Lorick; and

Whereas, realizing the importance of education, Josh followed his 1970 graduation from Columbia’s C.A. Johnson High School with matriculation at Midlands Technical College, where he earned an associate degree in tool and die design. He furthered his education through theology courses at Morris College, Southern Baptist Theological Institute, and Columbia International University; and

Whereas, in 2001, as a faithful minister of the Lord, Bishop Lorick succeeded his retiring father as pastor of Rehoboth United Church of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, Bishop Lorick believed strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions led him to serve that community, as well as the broader community of South Carolina, in several capacities. He also served his denomination as a member of the United Churches of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) Board of Bishops and as diocesan for the 5th Episcopal Diocese. He gave his final service to the community as state director of the Youth Mentor Program for the State Attorney General’s Office. In addition, Bishop Lorick served as liaison with Faith Community for Criminal Domestic Violence Prevention, as well as coordinator for Gang Awareness/Prevention; and

Whereas, noted as a humble, courageous man of Christian character, one of whom it truly could be said, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” Bishop Lorick demonstrated to others how to be “steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of forty‑three years, Mary Hopkins Lorick; two sons, Cory (Hope) Lorick and Terrence (Aisha) Lorick; eight grandchildren; his mother, Elease Lorick; his mother‑in‑law, Josephine Hopkins; four sisters; two brothers; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly 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 Bishop Colie L. “Josh” Lorick, Jr., of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Mary Hopkins Lorick.

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