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A senate RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF Deaconess Barbara Campbell McLawhorn AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Deaconess Barbara Campbell McLawhorn on February 4, 2023; and

Whereas, a native of Marion County, Mrs. McLawhorn was born on September 14, 1948 to parents George and Neilie Jane Roberts Campbell. She attended the public schools of Zion and, at the age of six, she moved with her family to Trenton, New Jersey. She graduated from Trenton High School in 1965; and

Whereas, after graduation, Mrs. McLawhorn worked for a year at United Progress, Inc. and, in 1966, she enrolled at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University (A&T) in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

Whereas, during her freshman year of college, Mrs. McLawhorn caught the eye of James Thomas McLawhorn, Jr. At first sight, James knew she would become his beloved wife; and

Whereas, while attending A&T, Mrs. McLawhorn was crowned Miss Angel Flight in 1968 and Miss Kappa Alpha Psi in 1969. She graduated from A&T in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Education. It was during that same year that she married James in Burlington, New Jersey; and

Whereas, after college, Mrs. McLawhorn worked as an administrative assistant at the Carolina Population Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. In 1971, she and her husband moved to Charlotte, where she worked as a clerical and administrative skills teacher at the Opportunity Industrialization Center. She later worked as a business teacher at East Mecklenburg High School. She earned a Master of Education in Guidance from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; and

Whereas, in 1980, Mrs. and Mr. McLawhorn moved their family to Columbia, where Mrs. McLawhorn worked for twenty years as a school counselor at Alcorn Middle School. She had a gift of relating to young people and touched the lives of countless students. Prior to retirement, she held a license in professional counseling; and

Whereas, a devout Christian from a young age, Mrs. McLawhorn was a member of a gospel duo, The Campbell Sisters, along with her sister, Darlene Campbell Mims. She was an active member of Saint John Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Deaconess Board; and

Whereas, in 2021, Mrs. McLawhorn published a novel, *The Saga of Danny Jones, A Journey to New Beginnings*. It reached number five on Amazon’s New Releases List for Teen and Young Adult Christian Fiction. The Carolina Panorama featured her in its Author Spotlight in 2021; and

Whereas, over the years, Mrs. McLawhorn received a number of honors and awards, including the National Council of Negro Women, Living the Legacy Award; and the Drum Major for Justice Award in Education from the Midlands Coalition of Churches; and

Whereas, in her free time, she enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening and teaching Sunday School with her husband and

Whereas, Mrs. McLawhorn leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Deacon James “JT” McLawhorn, Jr.; her daughter, Karla (Eric) Hawkins; her sons, James “Jay” McLawhorn, III,\ and Mark Campbell McLawhorn; her grandsons, Eric “EJ” Hawkins, Jr., Bryson Hawkins, Khabir McLawhorn, Judah McLawhorn, and Asar McLawhorn; her sisters, Darlene Mims and Nancy Walton; her in-laws, Barredell (Peggy) McLawhorn, Melvin McLawhorn, Belinda Gallop, Michael McLawhorn, and Christopher (Lisa) McLawhorn; her aunt, Cora Campbell; her uncle, Bernie Campbell; her best friend, Sandra Clark; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends. She will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Deaconess Barbara Campbell McLawhorn and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Deaconess Barbara Campbell McLawhorn.

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