**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE SINCERE SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE WIDEMAN, JR., OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of George Wideman, Jr., on February 1, 2011, at the age of eighty‑two; and

Whereas, born in Greenwood on July 2, 1928, he was the son of the late George Wideman, Sr., and Polly Hearst Wideman, and he was a dedicated member of Majority Baptist Church where he served as treasurer and a member of the board of trustees; and

Whereas, in 1950, he earned a bachelor of science from Benedict College, and later a master’s in education from North Carolina A & T State University; he also studied at Howard University and the University of South Carolina, completing a degree as an educational specialist; and

Whereas, he and his beloved wife, the late Daisy Brewton Wideman, raised a fine son, Raeford, and he and his wife, Dorothy, blessed them with two adoring grandsons, Rodney and Ryan, and two great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, for forty years he had a significant and impressive career in education in South Carolina, which commenced as a biology teacher at Lincoln High School; and

Whereas, he served as the assistant principal and later principal at Lincoln High School, the assistant principal at Dorman High School, and finally the assistant superintendent for Spartanburg School District Six Administration; and

Whereas, a devoted life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., his active and illustrious participation began as a charter member of the Gamma Mu Chapter at Benedict College in 1949; and

Whereas, he served his community as a member of the executive board for the Spartanburg NAACP, a board member of the Spartanburg Boys Home, the commissioner of the Spartanburg Human Relations Committee, and a member of the board of directors for the Spartanburg Area Mental Health Center; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the legacy left by George Wideman, Jr., to all who knew and loved this remarkable son of the Palmetto State. 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 sincere sorrow upon the passing of George Wideman, Jr., of Spartanburg County and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of George Wideman, Jr.

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