**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF MORRIS D. MAZURSKY, NOTED ATTORNEY AND FORMER MAYOR OF SUMTER, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Morris D. Mazursky, noted attorney and former mayor of Sumter, on November 26, 2012, at the venerable age of eighty‑nine; and

Whereas, born in Columbia the son of Abraham Isaac and Mary Blatt Mazursky, Morris David Mazursky spent almost his entire life as a resident of Sumter; and

Whereas, in preparation for a distinguished career, he graduated from the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina School of Law, after which he practiced law for more than sixty‑six years; and

Whereas, early in his career, Morris Mazursky became active in civic life, serving as chairman of the General Election Commission. He served four terms as president of the Sumter Jaycees and was exalted ruler of the Sumter Elks Club, a member of the Tuomey Hospital Board of Directors, and a founding and active member of the Optimist Club; and

Whereas, in these roles, he gained exposure to Sumter’s civic affairs and became convinced that local government needed to take a more energetic role in promoting industry and creating jobs. In 1958, Morris Mazursky won election to his first term on city council and served in that office for the next twenty‑nine years, during which he also served as mayor pro tem and mayor; and

Whereas, in addition, he served as president of the Temple Sinai Congregation and taught Sunday School. Devoted to his family, Mr. Mazursky was a fine husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and role model; and

Whereas, whether working in his law practice or as an elected official, he exercised compassion and competence that left a lasting impression on others; and

Whereas, Mayor Joe McElveen of Sumter, who worked with Mr. Mazursky when both men served on city council, remembers him as “a good, honest, honorable man. ...He treated everyone in fairness. He really had his life balanced between public service, family, and faith”; and

Whereas, Mr. Mazursky leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Marcia Weisbond Mazursky; three children, Don Mazursky (Maria), Jon Mazursky (Julie), and Leigh Zaleon (Phil); ten grandchildren; and a host of friends. He will be greatly missed. 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 death of Morris D. Mazursky, noted attorney and former mayor of Sumter, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Marcia Weisbond Mazursky for the family.

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