**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF ROBERT GENE “BOB” FUNDERBURK, SR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were saddened to learn of the death of Robert Gene “Bob” Funderburk, Sr., at the age of seventy‑four on February 17, 2013; and

Whereas, born in Lancaster on October 18, 1938, Bob Funderburk was the son of the late Minnie Ree Funderburk and the late Shell Harper; and

Whereas, a member of Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia, he was educated in Lancaster County School District and graduated from Barr Street High School in 1957; and

Whereas, after graduating from high school, he moved to Washington, D. C., where he launched a successful career in the food industry, which included the management of the Congressional Club, World Bank, Black Beard, and the Diplomat Hotel; and

Whereas, upon returning to Columbia, Bob Funderburk continued his management career at the Summit Club, Faculty House at the University of South Carolina, Capital City Club, Funderburk at Middleburg, Funderburk and Houston Catering, Rust in the Vista, and the management of Brookland Baptist Church Banquet and Conference Center; and

Whereas, he expanded his career to Denmark, as the owner and operator of the Denmark Diner; and

Whereas, he enjoyed planning for the reunion of the Lancaster Training School and Barr Street High School and seeing former classmates and friends through those reunions; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Bettye James Funderburk, he reared two fine sons, Robert G. Funderburk, Jr., and Jerome Funderburk; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Bob Funderburk, a son of the Palmetto State, and for the example of friendship and kindness he set for all who knew him. 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 Robert Gene “Bob” Funderburk, Sr., of Lexington County and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Robert Gene “Bob” Funderburk, Sr.

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