**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE DEATH OF ALFRED H. “FREDDY” VANG OF COLUMBIA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION, 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 Alfred H. “Freddy” Vang of Columbia on May 8, 2013; and

Whereas, as a teenager, the young Freddy was educated at schools in Kent, England, and Montreux, Switzerland, before entering the University of South Carolina in 1966. In preparation for his life’s work, he received his bachelor’s degree in geography in 1971 and a graduate degree in 1974; and

Whereas, he spent three decades in state government, first as a planner in 1975, at which time he helped put together a coastal‑zone management plan for South Carolina in advance of the state’s modern coastal‑development laws. Later, he served as a geographer before becoming chief executive at the South Carolina Water Resources Commission (SCWRC) in 1983; and

Whereas, co‑workers and friends called Freddy Vang, who retired in 2007, a visionary. At the Water Resources Commission, he was instrumental in studying the state’s increasingly threatened groundwater resources as development and farming began to draw down on aquifers. He helped develop a state water plan; and

Whereas, former SCWRC co‑worker Hank Stallworth said of Freddy Vang that he had extreme loyalty to people he cared about, a good sense of humor, and ample political skills. He was also, according to Hank Stallworth, “one of the most intellectually curious people I’ve ever met”; and

Whereas, a man of faith, Freddy Vang served his God as a faithful member of St. Martin’s‑in‑the‑Fields Episcopal Church of Columbia. A past member of St. Martin’s Education for Ministry group, he was held in affection and esteem by his fellow church members as a deep thinker, a lover of theology and the *Book of Common Prayer*, a man who sought a closer relationship with God every day of his life; and

Whereas, Freddy Vang loved life, his family, friends, colleagues, and the people of St. Martin’s‑in‑the‑Fields. His lifelong passion was the environment and the people who championed it; and

Whereas, he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Leslie; his two sons, Eric and Jonathan; and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by those who were fortunate enough to know him. 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 Alfred H. “Freddy” Vang of Columbia, former director of the South Carolina Water Resources Commission, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Leslie Vang for the family.

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