**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GLORIA MURRAY BELL OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Gloria Murray “Jeanie” Bell at the age of seventy on May 4, 2014; and

Whereas, a native of Charleston, she was born on June 17, 1943, the daughter of the late Marion Murray and Julia Berry Murray, and she graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in Charleston; and

Whereas, Jeanie Bell earned a bachelor’s in chemistry from St. Paul’s College in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and returned to Charleston in 1964, beginning a long and successful career in chemistry at the Charleston Naval Shipyard; and

Whereas, in the Laboratory Division of the Quality Assurance Office, she served as a chemist, lead chemist, supervisory chemist, and director, the first African‑American female supervisory chemist at the Naval Shipyard where she retired in 1994; and

Whereas, in 1997 together with Hillery P. Douglas, Ms. Bell launched Earth Sciences, Inc.,an environmental and general‑testing laboratory and served as its president; and

Whereas, initiated into the Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., at St. Paul’s College in 1961, she became active with its Gamma Xi Omega Chapter in Charleston after college, serving the chapter faithfully for over fifty years; and

Whereas, Jeanie Bell was an active member and volunteer of the MOJA Arts Festival Planning Committee and the Charleston Chapter of The Links, Inc., in 1990. A founding member of the League of Allied Arts, Ms. Bell served on the Charleston Area Arts Council and on the boards of directors of the Charleston Ballet Theatre, Grief and Loss Center, the YWCA of Greater Charleston, and the Gibbes Museum of Art; and

Whereas, she served on the South Carolina Foster Care Review Board, the Charleston affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Board of Directors, and the Medical University of South Carolina Institutional Review Board for Human Research; and

Whereas, together with her former husband, Dr. Thaddeus J. Bell, she reared three fine children: Ms. Tiffany Bell, Mrs. Tonisha Bell Alston, and the late Thaddeus J. Bell II. Her children blessed her with three beloved grandchildren: Kaidyn Thaddeus Snipe, Julia Marie Alston, and Edmund James Alston; and

Whereas, Ms. Bell leaves behind a special devoted companion, Edmund St. Julian Robinson of Charleston, and many other devoted relatives and friends; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Jeanie Bell and for the example of service and kindness she set for all who knew her. 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 passing of Gloria Murray Bell of Charleston County and extend their deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Gloria Murray Bell.

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