**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF LEIGH JOHNSON SNELGROVE OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER AMAZING AND SUPPORTIVE FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Leigh Johnson Snelgrove at the age of thirty‑one on Monday, February 3, 2020; and

Whereas, Leigh Snelgrove was born in Aiken on January 10, 1989 to parents Von Pope Snelgrove and Vicki Ruby Johnson Snelgrove. She came from an outstanding family with a reputation for good character and dedication to public service and was raised in this loving home with her sister and dear friend, Beverly; and

Whereas, Ms. Snelgrove was an alumna of Aiken High School; Wofford College, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and German in 2011; and the University of South Carolina, where she earned a Master of Arts in Teaching with honors in 2013; and

Whereas, an exceptional educator, Ms. Snelgrove taught advanced placement biology and honors at White Knoll High School, A. C. Flora High School, and most recently the Academic Magnet High School in North Charleston; and

Whereas, Ms. Snelgrove inspired her students, their parents, her fellow teachers, and everyone who entered her classroom. In this role, she made a difference, touched many with her kindness, challenged students to achieve, and encouraged all to reach their potential; and

Whereas, Ms. Snelgrove had such an impact on the students, faculty, and staff at the Academic Magnet High School and others in the greater North Charleston Area that the Mayor of North Charleston declared January 10 as “Leigh Snelgrove Day”; and

Whereas, due to her wealth of scientific knowledge, Ms. Snelgrove’s medical doctors greeted her on their level and were able to converse with her using a shared, familiar language; and

Whereas, Ms. Snelgrove was preceded in death by her grandfathers, VonLeigh O. Snelgrove and B. Henderson Johnson, Jr.; her grandmother, Anne P. Snelgrove; and her uncle, Barry H. Johnson; and

Whereas, she is survived by her loving parents and sister; grandmother, Doris Johnson; uncles, Todd Johnson, Brad Johnson, and Keith Snelgrove; aunts, Paige Johnson, Risse Snelgrove, and Susie Johnson; cousins, Gray Johnson, Stuart Johnson, Scott Johnson, Kristin Snelgrove, Jana Snelgrove, and Cherie Schooley; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life of Leigh Snelgrove, for the impact that she had on so many young students across our State, and for her lasting legacy of excellence, compassion, and public service. South Carolina has lost one of its most outstanding young people, and her extraordinary contributions and legacy will be remembered for many years to come. 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 Leigh Johnson Snelgrove of Charleston County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her amazing and supportive friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Leigh Johnson Snelgrove.

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