**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF ALLEN “AL” MINK, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS PASSING FROM THIS WORLD ON JANUARY 6, 2019, AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND ALL THOSE WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED IN HIS NEARLY NINETY YEARS ON THIS EARTH.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of a true patriot and Korean War veteran, Allen “Al” Mink, Jr., who left this world on January 6, 2019; and

Whereas, born on March 9, 1929, Mr. Mink moved to North Augusta, SC, from New Orleans in 1958, having graduated from Lehigh University and gaining his master’s degree from Georgia Technical College. Mr. Mink was a longtime member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where he attended the Calhoun Sunday School class, and participated as a Sunday School teacher and deacon for many years; and

Whereas, Mr. Mink’s dedication to his community was evidenced in his volunteer work at Riverview Park, and, additionally, in his membership of the Jesse C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post 71; and

Whereas, his many friends remember him as an adventurer, often taking to the mountains and hiking the Appalachian Trail, keeping a detailed account of his splendid outdoor adventures; and

Whereas, he and his wife Christine of sixty‑four years enjoyed acting as mentors to the many friends of their children, offering sage advice in times of need; and

Whereas, a gifted storyteller, Mr. Mink always appreciated a funny story and sought to avoid pretense and nonsense, setting a healthy example for those around; and

Whereas, furthermore, his impressive handyman skills were often in high‑demand, not only around his house, but also in the homes of friends and family; and

Whereas, Mr. Mink’s memory will live on in those who loved him, including his wife Christine; children, Melanie (Bob) Beauston, Martha (Terry) Fletcher; and Frank (Mary Beth) Mink III; and five grandchildren, Christy Fletcher, Casey Beauston, Allison Fletcher, Danae Beauston, and Jessica Mink; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the wonderful legacy Mr. Mink leaves behind and wish their sincerest condolences to his family and many friends. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That, the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, by this resolution, honor the memory of Allen “Al” Mink, Jr., on the occasion of his passing from this world on January 6, 2019, and express the deepest sympathy to his family and all those whose lives he touched in his nearly ninety glorious years on this Earth.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Christine Bates Mink.

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