**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF ANDERSON NATIVE CHADWICK BOSEMAN, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, 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 by the death of actor and Anderson native Chadwick Boseman, on August 28, 2020, at the age of forty‑three; and

Whereas, Chadwick Boseman, son of Leroy and Carolyn Boseman, was born on November 29, 1976, and raised in the City of Anderson. He graduated from T. L. Hanna High School in 1995, and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in directing from Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 2000. He went on to graduate from the British American Drama Academy in London, England; and

Whereas, an interest in writing and directing shaped his early education. While in high school, the shooting death of a basketball teammate led Boseman to write a play as a form of personal expression. He later graduated from New York City’s Digital Film Academy and was the drama instructor in the Schomburg Junior Scholars Program housed at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem; and

Whereas, his first television role in 2003 was in an episode of “Third Watch.” He also found bit‑parts in the television dramas “ER” and “CSI: New York,” as well as parts in other well‑known series, before landing recurring roles on “Lincoln Heights” and “Persons Unknown.” As he began to find success as an actor, he continued his work as a playwright, with his script “Deep Azure” performed at the Congo Square Theatre Company in Chicago. The work was nominated for a 2006 Joseph Jefferson Award for New Work; and

Whereas, his first breakthrough role came in the 2013 film “42,” where he played the lead role of legendary baseball player Jackie Robinson, the first African American to integrate Major League Baseball. His performance was evocative and widely praised, including accolades from Robinson’s widow, Rachel. As his career progressed, Chadwick went on to portray other important historical figures. Among them, James Brown in the 2014 film “Get On Up,” and in the 2017 film “Marshall,” he played powerhouse civil rights attorney Thurgood Marshall, the first African American justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, Boseman made his 2016 debut as T’Challa, or T’Challa’s alter‑ego Black Panther, in the film “Captain America: Civil War.” He reprised the role in successive Marvel Studio films, culminating in 2018 with the character’s feature blockbuster film “Black Panther.” A critical and commercial success, the film received seven Oscar nominations, including for Best Picture, the first superhero movie to be nominated in that category. “Black Panther” won three Oscars for music, costumes, and production design; received the Best Picture award from the African American Film Critics Association; and won a Screen Actors Guild Award for best acting ensemble. It is one of the highest‑grossing films of all time; and

Whereas, Boseman leaves to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy, his wife Taylor Simone Ledward, his parents, Leroy and Carolyn Boseman, two brothers, and a host of family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing 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 profound sorrow upon the passing of Anderson native Chadwick Boseman, celebrate his life and achievements, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Chadwick Boseman.

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