**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF ABRAHAM “ABE” JENKINS, JR., OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Abraham “Abe” Jenkins, Jr., of North Charleston at the age of sixty‑six on January 17, 2022; and

Whereas, born in Cambridge, England, on November 1, 1955, he was the eldest son of Abraham “Abe” Jenkins and a grandson of the late Esau Jenkins, a prominent community organizer and Civil Rights leader in South Carolina; and

Whereas, a loyal son of South Carolina State University, Mr. Jenkins graduated from Summerville High School in 1973 and earned a bachelor’s degree in political science/public administration from the then State College in 1978. He further earned a master’s degree in leadership and dynamics of organizations from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992; and

Whereas, in a career in the healthcare industry that lasted more than a quarter of a century, he began as the director of clinical transportation support at the Medical University of South Carolina before relocating to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he served as the director of transport services, associate director of materials management, and finally as the operations manager of materials management at Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D. C.; and

Whereas, when Mr. Jenkins returned to Charleston, he entered into politics and community service. He served in the Obama for America campaign and Organizing for America as a field/faith organizer, regional field director, and South Carolina state field director, traveling throughout the country during the 2008 and 2012 presidential campaigns; and

Whereas, he worked in Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, and Dorchester counties in the Palmetto State; in Birmingham, Mobile, and Selma, Alabama; Houston, Texas; Atlanta, Georgia; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, Mr. Jenkins served as the political director of the South Carolina Democratic Party for two years and as the state political director for the South Carolina Pete for America presidential campaign and frequently consulted on local elections; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Wesley United Methodist Church on Johns Island, he actively served as a lay servant there, and he was a member of the Charleston District United Methodist Church’s Congregational Development Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Jenkins formerly loaned his professional expertise to the Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation as secretary of the board of directors, and he was a member of the board of directors of Rural Missions, Incorporated; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the life and legacy of Abe Jenkins and for the example of service and excellence he set for all who knew him. 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 Abraham “Abe” Jenkins, Jr., of Charleston County and extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Abraham “Abe” Jenkins, Jr.

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