**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF RON MCBRIDE 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 passing of Ron McBride on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at the age of fifty; and

Whereas, born on January 5, 1971, in Sumter, Ron was the son of Eartha Hodges McBride and the late Pete McBride; and

Whereas, Ron worked at Sumter High School as a football coach for eight years. Prior to that, he worked at Crestwood High School, also in Sumter, as an assistant coach with the Lady Knights basketball team and as a defensive line coach; and

Whereas, often described as a pillar of his community, Ron had an unforgettable personality and radiated positivity. He often brightened the spirits of those around him and went above and beyond for every student. He was known for assisting Sumter High School’s athletic director, Curtis Johnson, after the school had closed for the night, as well as being one of the first employees in during the morning hours, letting students in the building and out of the cold. The school and the students within its hallways and classrooms lost an important and irreplaceable soul when Ron McBride lost a valiant battle with COVID‑19; and

Whereas, Ron McBride will be sincerely missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him. The people of South Carolina, and especially the people of Sumter, were made better by his influence, and the community will feel the loss of the impactful presence of this native son of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express the profound sorrow of the South Carolina House of Representatives upon the passing of Ron McBride 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 Ron McBride.

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