**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF HENRY CLYDE HARRISON, JR., OF GREENVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Henry Clyde Harrison, Jr., of Greenville on December 12, 2021, at the venerable age of eighty‑nine; and

Whereas, born on February 21, 1932, in the Union Bleachery community of Greenville, Henry moved to Sans Souci with his family and grew up as one of Clyde and Pauline Harrison’s eleven children. From a young age, Henry exhibited two valuable qualities recognized by all who knew him: hard work and the ability to make friends. When he was 6 years old, he had his first paper route. Times were tough, and he used the money he earned to help his family. He was known as the small boy followed by all the neighborhood dogs because he carried scraps and treats to feed them, saying, “Better for them to be happy to see you coming!” Henry graduated from Greenville’s Parker High School before joining the South Carolina Highway Patrol and taking his first post in Cherokee County. He quickly distinguished himself as an officer who truly was there to serve. He believed that every person he came across, on the job or in his personal life, deserved to be treated with dignity and respect. He made sure everyone knew he worked for the people and that it was his job to keep the roads safe for them and, most importantly, for their children. During the course of his career in the highway patrol, Henry was able to move back to Greenville in 1962; and

Whereas, while he never ran for office, Henry had a servant’s heart and a love for politics. He was extremely active in not only the local Upstate community but also the entire State of South Carolina. He had no interest in partisanship, and in divisive times he was known for working with everyone, with the goal of bringing people together for the good of all; and

Whereas, in 1975, he retired from the highway patrol as a sergeant and started his own company, American Security, from his living room. He quickly expanded it into a corporation that at various times served clients in seven states and employed over 5,500 people. It is known today as American Services, Inc. Henry proudly served as board chairman and CEO of American Services until the day he went to be with his Lord; and

Whereas, honored numerous times over the years for his professional achievements and community contributions, Henry was named State Trooper of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year and was inducted into the 50 Most Influential Hall of Fame in the Upstate. A recipient of the prestigious Order of the Palmetto, he was honored to have the Henry C. Harrison Criminal Justice Program at Tri‑County Tech named for him and was grateful to receive the All for the Love of the Children Award, bestowed by the Greenville Health Systems’ Children’s Hospital. In addition, he served on numerous committees and professional boards; and

Whereas, Henry was predeceased by his ten siblings and his first wife, Carole Harrison. Survived by his love and life partner, Tracy Lamb, he also leaves to cherish his memory his children, Randy, Carole, Pauline, and Austin; his grandchildren, Heidi, Henry, Will, Anna, Carly, Chase, Aiden, Honor, Willa, and Wynnie; and seven great‑grandchildren. He is also survived by his second wife, Glenda Harrison, as well as her children, Kim, Kellie, and Al; her grandchildren, Cody, Carson, Kolby, and Brady; and two great‑grandchildren. He loved them all dearly and will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Henry Clyde Harrison, Jr., of Greenville, celebrate his life, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Randy Harrison for the family.

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