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A senate RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF Lavel “Tyler” Norman Davis, Jr. AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Lavel “Tyler” Norman Davis, Jr., who passed away on November 13, 2022 at Charlottesville Memorial Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia; and

Whereas, a native of Ridgeville, Tyler was born on January 7, 2002 to parents Thaddeus Lavel Davis and Fallom Simone Davis; and

Whereas, the eldest of three children, Tyler was a kind‑hearted, thoughtful, and caring young man who loved God. He grew up in a loving home with strong Christian values; and

Whereas, Tyler sang in the church choir, was an active member of the Young People’s Department, and was faithful in attending youth church and Sunday School. A young man with a servant’s heart and contagious smile, Tyler loved helping others and desired to be an impactful leader; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Tyler committed his life to the Lord before leaving for college. In 2019, he confessed his hope in Christ at Bethel AME Church under the leadership of Pastor Arthur B. Glover. Tyler was inquisitive about God, always asking about the Bible and the Holy Scriptures; and

Whereas, Tyler was educated in Dorchester County School District Four. He attended Harleyville‑Ridgeville Elementary, Clay Hill Elementary, Harleyville‑Ridgeville Middle and Woodland High Schools. From his earliest age, Tyler excelled both academically and athletically, and for his good works he received numerous academic and athletic awards; and

Whereas, throughout high school Tyler maintained a 3.577 GPA and A‑B Honor Roll status. He was also an active participant in the Athletics Leading in Literacy Program. The recipient of multiple football scholarships, Tyler’s hard work on and off the field gave him the opportunity to continue his dreams of playing football at the collegiate level. After graduating from Woodland High in 2020, Tyler honored his commitment to play for the University of Virginia in Charlottesville; and

Whereas, Tyler was a gifted student and an All‑American athlete who played football, soccer, basketball, and ran track. As a freshman wide receiver, he started seven games for the University of Virginia Cavaliers and averaged 25.8 yards per catch, the second most yards per catch in the nation. He helped the Cavaliers win their season opener against Duke University and was named Atlantic Coast Conference “Receiver of the Week” and two‑time “Rookie of the Year”; and

Whereas, Tyler was expected to graduate in December of 2023 with a bachelor’s degree in African American Studies. He dreamed of one day making it to the NFL and opening a local Boys & Girls Club. He earnestly wanted to make a difference, and he did so in many ways; and

Whereas, Tyler leaves to cherish his memory his parents, Thaddeus Lavel Davis and Fallom Simone Davis; siblings Taniya Skylar and Teigan Jeremiah Hollins Davis; maternal grandparents Monroe and Cynthia Lampkin; paternal grandparents Thaddeus (Deloris) Davis and Linda Varner; paternal great‑grandfather Herman Davis; Aunts Kwamie Green, Monica Alford, and Angelina (LeQuincy) Polite; Uncles Jarrett (Bernadette) Lampkin, Le’Rico Moultrie, and Brian Davis; first cousins Leanna, Taylor, Travon, Tyliyah, LeQuincy, Daquan, Michael, Ala’Yah, Jauri, Alicia, Braylin, Myles, and Alivia; lifelong best‑friend Rylan Ashe; Godmother Laquita “NeNa” Davis; and a host of other family members and friends. He will be greatly missed. Now, therefore; and

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express profound upon the passing of Lavel “Tyler” Norman Davis, Jr. 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 Lavel “Tyler” Norman Davis, Jr.

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