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A senate RESOLUTION

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF Margaret Mildred Ellis-Larrymore AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Margaret Mildred Ellis‑Larrymore on January 7, 2025; and

Whereas, a native of St. Matthews, Mrs. Larrymore was born on November 19, 1934 to parents Elouise Ellis and George Stack. Her grandmother, the late Lillie Roach Ellis, raised her. She attended Calhoun County public schools, where her early education ignited a lifelong love for learning and service; and

Whereas, a woman of determination and grace, Mrs. Larrymore built her career with the Beach Party manufacturing company, where she served as a dedicated manager. Believing that it “takes a village to raise a child,” she opened her home to communal child‑rearing, where she nurtured dozens of children over decades; and

Whereas, a civic leader, Mrs. Larrymore was a spirited supporter of the Calhoun County High School basketball games, where her energy and pride helped establish the iconic chant, “Who Dat trying to beat CC High,” a legacy that lives on in the hearts of many. As a devoted poll watcher for Calhoun County Voter Registration, she exemplified civic responsibilities and inspired others to do the same; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, she was a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she served in many capacities, including as a trustee, member of the Gospel Choir, and director of the Bethel Angels Children’s Choir. Her commitment to ministry reached into the Midlands District of the Central Conference, where she was a torchlighter for the Women’s Missionary Society; and

Whereas, Mrs. Larrymore’s love for music was unparalleled. She shared her God‑given gifts by forming the Celestial Singers, a cherished quartet group that brought joy and inspiration to many. Alongside her daughters, Betty Bull and Alethia Gissentanner, and cousin, Deborah Boneparte, their harmonies reflected her soul’s devotion to uplifting others; and

Whereas, Mrs. Larrymore was a pillar of faith, a servant of her community, and a true vessel of God’s love. Her kindness, resilience, and unwavering dedication to her family and faith have left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

Whereas, Mrs. Larrymore was preceded in death by her late husband, Clarence Larrymore Jr.; her sons, Kenneth Larrymore and Gerald Scott; grandsons, Reggie Dantzler and Richard Bull; sisters, Pauline Lattimore, Mattie Larrymore, and Mayme Jiles, whom she loved dearly; and

Whereas, Mrs. Larrymore leaves to cherish her memory her children, Betty (Artie) Bull, Dennis Larrymore, Phyllis (Kevin) Larrymore‑Kelly, Iris Larrymore, George “Pat” Larrymore, and Alethia (Jerry) Larrymore‑Gissentanner; her sister, Ogaretta (Joseph) Walker; fourteen grandchildren; thirty‑six great‑grandchildren; and eight great‑great‑grandchildren; special friends, Pernell “Mud” Lawrence, Dorothy Glover, and Bessie Rush; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Margaret Mildred Ellis‑Larrymore and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Margaret Mildred Ellis‑Larrymore.

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