**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF FORMER SUMTER COUNTY COUNCILMAN RUDOLPH “RUDY” SINGLETON, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Rudolph “Rudy” Singleton at the age of 74 on Sunday, April 29, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Sumter on March 14, 1938, he was a son of the late Charles Ellis and Marie Walker Singleton and graduated from Edmunds High School; and

Whereas, he joined the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of gunnery sergeant, and in recognition of his heroic conduct and valor, he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the highest combat award; and

Whereas, Rudy Singleton served two terms as a representative on the Sumter County Council from District 2, first from 1991 to 1994 and then from 1999 to 2002, and he chaired the council’s committees for personnel, internal affairs, litter control, and solid waste. He also served on the National Steering Committee for Community and Economic Development for the National Association of Counties; and

Whereas, known for his pride in the military, he was the founder of the Major General George L. Mabry, Jr., Veterans Memorial Park adjacent to Shaw Air Force Base; the Willie “Bill” Pinkney Memorial Park; the Coalition of Retired Military Veterans; the first Sumter County Council Litter Committee; the Christian Soldiers; Rudy Singleton’s Out Reach Street Ministry; and the largest Veterans for McCain/Palin Presidency in the United States; and

Whereas, he served on numerous civic groups and other organizations, including the Masonic Lodge #64 A.F.M., where he was presented a life membership in Claremont for forty years of service in his home lodge; and

Whereas, among his numerous awards for community service, he received the Watch Dog for the Tax Payers Award from the Office of the Treasurer of the State of South Carolina and a certificate of special recognition from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for his dedicated work in improving the entrance to burial grounds of a national historical landmark; and

Whereas, he held a black belt in judo and loved boxing, playing football, and sumo wrestling; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, the late Delores Ann Singleton, he reared two fine sons, Rudy and Robert, and a loving daughter, Sheila, who blessed them with six adoring grandchildren and six great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Rudy Singleton and for the example of sacrifice and determination he set for all who knew him. 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 former Sumter County Councilman Rudolph “Rudy” Singleton, and extend their deepest sympathy to his large and loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the family of Rudolph “Rudy” Singleton.

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