**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF INEZ G. ALLEN OF COLUMBIA 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 Inez G. Allen of Columbia on February 14, 2014, at the venerable age of ninety‑nine; and

Whereas, born in Dothan, Alabama, to Havard and Annie B. Clark Gunn, young Inez was one of three siblings. As the only girl, she showered her brothers, Eddie and Willie James Gunn, with love and affection; and

Whereas, she received her formal education in the public schools of West Palm Beach, Florida, and married Sergeant Wilbert Allen, U.S. Army (Retired), of Chicago, Illinois. “Nana,” as she affectionately was called, was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great‑grandmother. She never met a stranger; her love of people and her forthright, no‑nonsense manner, coupled with her sense of humor, endeared her to the community; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Inez served her God as a member of the Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and attended several other area churches. As a woman gifted with multiple talents and interests, Inez loved to read, sew, and work in her flower garden. She was also an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed working puzzles; and

Whereas, her second love and vocation was her service as a childcare provider. She lovingly would boast about the host of children she cared for over the years in the Greater Columbia and Highland Park areas; and

Whereas, predeceased by her beloved husband, daughter Barbara Ann Allen, and grandchildren Dana Marie and Paul Allen Bynoe, Sr., Inez Allen leaves to cherish her memory daughter Gwendolyn Allen Bynoe; son‑in‑law Herbert D. Bynoe, Jr.; three grandchildren, Sondra L. Bynoe‑Doolittle, Sonya R. Bynoe, Ja’Vell S. Bynoe‑Couch (Valarian); granddaughter‑in‑law Tracy Simpson‑Bynoe; and great‑grandchildren Paul Allen Bynoe, Jr., Tyler D. Doolittle, Kingston P. Tucker, Qwynn M. Bynoe, Valarian Couch, Jr., Cameron Goins, and Veneita Jordan; and a host of other relatives and friends. She will be missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the death of Inez G. Allen of Columbia and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Gwendolyn Allen Bynoe for the family.

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