**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CLYDE CLYBURN, SR., OF CAMDEN 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 death of Clyde Clyburn, Sr., of Camden on September 3, 2020, at the venerable age of eighty‑nine; and

Whereas, born on May 5, 1931, in Kershaw County, Clyde Clyburn was the sixth child of Charlie and Hettie Clyburn’s fifteen children. Clyde’s twin brother, Clifford, shared the limelight with him on the day of their birth; and

Whereas, after completion of his public school education in Kershaw County, Mr. Clyburn joined the military and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge in 1956 after a five‑year tour of duty and continued on in the Army Reserves. This patriotic American was proud to be a soldier and could often be heard to say, “I was a strong soldier, an Army man; that’s the reason why I stand so straight, walk so fast, and can look any man straight in his eyes, oh yes!”; and

Whereas, with his military duties successfully discharged, Mr. Clyburn returned home to Camden and met his wife, Willie Mae Adams, the woman of his dreams. They married and moved to the New York City neighborhood of Jamaica in Queens; and

Whereas, while living in New York, for thirty‑six years he was employed with the United States Postal Service, from which he retired. In addition, he served as a mentor in the PALS Group for young men trying to find their way in life, as a Mason, and as a member of the NAACP; and

Whereas, having lived in New York for thirty‑eight years, the Clyburns moved back to Camden in 1997, and Mr. Clyburn reinstated his membership at St. John Baptist Church. There, he became a trustee, was later ordained as a deacon, became chairman of the board of deacons, served on the finance committee, and was very active in the Sunday School ministry; and

Whereas, Mr. Clyburn’s family and friends, who knew him as a caring, funny, and loving man, will remember always his love for Christ, sense of humor, and daily laughter, as well as his enjoyment of gardening (especially planting flowers) and traveling; and

Whereas, he was preceded in his passing by two sons, Clyde Clyburn, Jr., and Vincent Clyburn. Deacon Clyburn leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of sixty‑one years, Sister Willie Mae Clyburn; his surviving children, Victor Clyburn of Camden, Bridget Dee Clyburn of Long Island, New York, and Teresa Camilla Clyburn Logan (Michael) of Cambria Heights, New York; his brother, William Clyburn (Beverly) of Aiken; his sisters, Dorothy Bell Alexander of Youngstown, Ohio, Willie Mae Allen of Mattapan, Massachusetts, and Youngstown, Ohio, Louise Webb of Atlanta, Georgia, and Viva Lee Baker (James) of Brooklyn, New York; his sister‑in‑law, Dorothy M. Clyburn; and a host of other relatives and friends. He 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 Clyde Clyburn, Sr., of Camden and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Willie Mae Clyburn for the family.

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