**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF STEPHEN CAMPBELL “STEVE” MIMS, SR., OF SUMTER 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 unexpected passing of Stephen Campbell “Steve” Mims, Sr., of Sumter on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at the age of seventy‑one; and

Whereas, born in Sumter on May 11, 1949, Steve Mims was a son of the late Kenneth Oscar Mims, Sr., and the late Evelyn Pope Campbell Mims. The young Steve graduated from Edmunds High School in 1968; and

Whereas, Steve had a tremendous love for his wife, family, friends, the outdoors, and the University of South Carolina Gamecocks. In addition, he was an avid turkey hunter and enjoyed being out in the field every possible day of turkey season. He sent many wild turkeys to meet their maker; and

Whereas, respected as a master electrician and former co‑owner of Ridgeway Electric, Steve also was known as drummer for The Footnotes. This popular beach band, which got its start when the members were in their teens and twenties, was inducted in October 2001 into the South Carolina R&B/Beach Music Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, this man of faith served God as a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter; and

Whereas, preceded in death by two brothers, David Connor Mims, Sr., and Kenneth Oscar Mims, Jr., Steve Mims leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of fifty years, Jean Ard Mims; his sons, Stephen Campbell Mims, Jr. (Lara), and Robert Brian Mims (Ashley); his grandchildren, Stephen Campbell Mims III, Noah Lee Mims, Matthew Dylan Keller, and Emaleigh Elise Mims; two sisters‑in‑law, Sandy Mims and Brenda Mims; and a host of other family members 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 Stephen Campbell “Steve” Mims, Sr., of Sumter 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. Jean Ard Mims for the family.

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