**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF CARRIE LOU JAMES WILDS, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Carrie Lou James Wilds on Sunday, October 28, 2021, at the venerable age of ninety‑four; and

Whereas, born on October 6, 1927, Mrs. Carrie Lou James Wilds was the daughter of the late Raleigh James and Annie Bell Mack James. Educated in the public schools of Darlington County, she went on to enjoy employment as a domestic worker and as a presser for Fifth Street Cleaners; and

Whereas, with a great love of and for family, Carrie was married to the late George F. Wilds, Sr., and together they had nine beautiful children; and

Whereas, finding great joy in small acts of service toward her loved ones, Carrie often cooked for family and friends and used her gift as a skilled seamstress to make clothes and alter garments. She also found time to enjoy her membership with the Merry Makers and the Black Essence Clubs; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Carrie was a lifelong member of Jerusalem Baptist Church, where she served God alongside her husband and the Wilds family. She also attended Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church, where she enjoyed a relationship with the Lord alongside the James family members; and

Whereas, Carrie was preceded in death by her husband, George Franklin Wilds, Sr.; four of her children, George Franklin Wilds, Jr., Queen Emma Cohen, Alonzo Wilds, Sr., and Carrie Lou “Sister” Wilds‑Davis; her granddaughter, Katocha Sampson; her brothers, Robert James, Tony James, and Thomas James; and her sisters, Lillian Ford and Mattie Mitchell. She leaves to cherish her memories her five remaining children, David Wilds, Elijah Wilds, Alfred Wilds, Richard Wilds, and Terjuana Scott; her sister, LaGertha James; her sister‑in‑law, Delores Pinkett; twenty‑three grandchildren; fifty‑one great‑grandchildren; and a host of other family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege and pleasure of knowing her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express profound sorrow upon the passing of Carrie Lou James Wilds, celebrate her life and achievements, 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 Carrie Lou James Wilds.

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