**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF GWENDOLYN PATRICIA SCOTT, 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 Gwendolyn Patricia Scott on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, just eight days before her seventy‑fifth birthday; and

Whereas, born on December 9, 1946, Gwendolyn Patricia Scott was the daughter of Mr. John B. Scott, Sr., and Mrs. Beatrice Patrick Hart Scott. Affectionately known to friends and family as Gwen, she received her education in the public schools of Columbia. Intelligent and hardworking, she earned many school awards and graduated from C.A. Johnson High School in 1965. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Benedict College just four years later, in 1969; and

Whereas, following her graduation from Benedict College, Gwendolyn chose to begin her career by teaching at Voorhees College and working for Southern Bell. Feeling a pull towards greater opportunities, however, she took a chance, moving to New York in 1971, where she joined her brother, John Scott, Jr.; and

Whereas, Gwendolyn established deep roots in New York, where she stayed the remaining fifty years of her life. With a variety of interests she worked for many organizations that included the Harlem Urban Development Corporation, where she was able to re‑open the well‑known Apollo Theater; Columbia University; and John Jay College, among others. A firm believer in the importance of education, she went on to earn a master’s degree. As a devoted woman of faith, who began her journey at Sidney Park CME Church in Columbia, South Carolina, Gwendolyn worked tirelessly for Riverside Church in New York, where she was a dedicated and faithful member. In addition, she continued to share her time, knowledge, and talents to serve community‑minded organizations, like her favorite, Harlem Little League; and

Whereas, devoted to her family, friends, and community, she was loved as a sister, an aunt, a leader, an educator, a confidant, and a friend. Committed to her work, her family, and her community, this daughter of the Palmetto State was loved by the many hearts and souls she touched; and

Whereas, preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Claretta Hill and Debra F. Richards; and her brother, Clarence Hart, Jr., Gwendolyn Patricia Scott leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, John B. Scott, Jr., and Sebastian O. Scott; a sister, Frances H. Bell; nieces, Katrina and Tawanna; nephews, Clarence, Maurice, Terence, Ravi, Andre, Leamon, Sterling, and Traven; nine grandnieces; five grandnephews; a great niece; two great nephews; long‑time devoted friend Darlene Hooks; and a host of other loving 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 Gwendolyn Patricia Scott, 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 Gwendolyn Patricia Scott.

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