

native Nebraskan who moved to the Lowcountry to care for the desperately underserved communities. He would come immediately, even if it meant traveling quickly to a nearby island. He was her anchor during such times as she worked to keep mothers and babies safe throughout delivery and birth; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Gatch once found himself threatened by the Ku Klux Klan with a warning that his family was in danger. He knew he could depend on Mrs. Kitty, just as she had relied on him. At his call, she got word out, and thirty armed Blacks stood watch over the clinic where Dr. Gatch was sleeping. His wife and children were protected by spending the night in Jennie Kitty's home; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving twenty-seven years with the State of South Carolina as a nurse aide along with Mrs. Jane Pitts, Sarah Hooks, and Dr. Donald Gatch, Mrs. Kitty retired; and

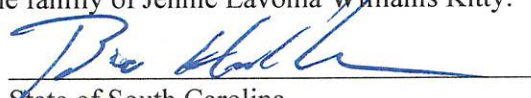
**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the example of sacrifice and loyalty Jennie Kitty set for all who knew her, whose lifelong motto was, "If I can help somebody as I travel along the way, then my living shall not be in vain."

**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 Jennie Kitty of Beaufort County and extend their deepest sympathy to her large and loving family and her many friends.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jennie Lavonia Williams Kitty.

  
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State of South Carolina  
In the House of Representatives  
Columbia, South Carolina  
April 06, 2021

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives.



  
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James H. Lucas  
Speaker

  
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Charles F. Reid  
Clerk of the House