**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE TAYLOR FAMILY REUNION AND TO COMMEND THE FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO CELEBRATE AND SECURE THEIR FAMILY LEGACY.

Whereas, in a time when mobility and displacement from family roots make those relationships more difficult to sustain, the South Carolina Senate takes great pleasure in commending the efforts of the Taylor family to maintain family identity and fellowship as they reunite on July 2‑4, 2010; and

Whereas, for the first time since the death of patriarch Pompy Taylor in the year 2000, the descendents of Pompy and Lourine Taylor will gather to strengthen family ties, nurture wholesome relationships and spiritual growth through fellowship, and learn about their family’s legacy; and

Whereas, led by Pompy and Lourine’s six surviving children, Flossie Mae Taylor Sims, Lizzie Mae Taylor Stewart, Nettie Lee Taylor McLeod, Katherine Taylor, Christine Taylor Gilchrist, and Leon Taylor, the family reunion will be held in Orangeburg County; and

Whereas, the Taylors trace their beginnings to the union of Pompy Taylor, born in 1905 to John and Suzanne Taylor of Holly Hill, and the former Lourine Dennis, in 1912 born the only child of Arthur and Carrie Dennis of Holly Hill. In 1928, Pompy and Lourine were married, and to this union of sixty‑one years, ten children were born and raised in Holly Hill; and

Whereas, to provide for their family, Pompy became a lifetime farmer, livestock owner, and landholder, as well as a master mechanic, while his Lourine served as a homemaker; and

Whereas, the couple worked hard and never wavered in their Christian and civic duties. They freely gave assistance to those who needed it in the community, whether it meant hands‑on help like mending a fence or gifts of food, clothing, shelter, or funds; and

Whereas, God truly blessed Pompy and Lourine, granting her seventy‑seven years and Pompy ninety‑five years of service before calling them to rest. The Lord also has multiplied their seed to include forty‑one grandchildren, sixty‑nine great‑grandchildren, and twenty‑seven great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, the coming reunion of their descendants now serves to connect past generations with the present one, enabling younger family members to understand the struggles of their forebears so they will not lose their way along life’s journey; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are grateful for the fine legacy of the Taylor family and wish its members much happiness as they experience the benefits of their approaching reunion. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor the Taylor family reunion and commend the family members for their efforts to celebrate and secure their family legacy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mrs. Lowanda Taylor Williams on behalf of the Taylor family reunion.

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