**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MARIA KENNEDY MUNGO OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HER FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY MORE YEARS OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that Maria Kennedy Mungo of Columbia is celebrating her fiftieth birthday on December 31, 2012; and

Whereas, born in Fairfax, Virginia, on December 31, 1962, Maria Kennedy Mungo graduated from the Fairfax County public schools. After her parents retired to Columbia, she was drawn by Midlands Tech’s court reporting program. She enrolled, worked hard, and graduated from that program in record time, after which she became a contract court reporter with the United States Bankruptcy Court. She also attended Columbia College; and

Whereas, in 1985, she wed Steven Mungo, and the couple became the proud parents of two children, Ward, now twenty‑two, and Emily, presently nineteen; and

Whereas, Maria Mungo strongly believes in active community involvement, and she puts her convictions into action by serving her community in various capacities. She was active in helping establish Keep America Beautiful of the Midlands and still works with Adopt‑a‑Highway. During her children’s early years, she was a faithful homeroom mom, and as a woman of faith she is an active member of the choir at Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church. She also enjoys membership with the Irmo/Lake Murray Women’s Club; and

Whereas, in addition, Maria is very active in the Columbia art community and provides catering for “First Thursday” on Main Street every month. A travel enthusiast and accomplished gourmet cook, she has a culinary following on Facebook, where people enjoy her creations each night. Not one to neglect personal fitness, Maria Mungo is an expert scuba diver and a Pilates instructor; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is pleased to honor Maria Kennedy Mungo at the celebration of her fiftieth birthday and joins with her family and friends in congratulating this daughter of South Carolina on reaching this important life milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Maria Kennedy Mungo of Columbia on the occasion of her fiftieth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many more years of health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Maria Kennedy Mungo.

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