**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LILA BELLE BAKER DELK OF HORRY COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Lila Belle Baker Delk of Horry County will celebrate her ninetieth birthday surrounded by family and friends on April 5, 2013; and

Whereas, born on April 5, 1923, in the early part of the twentieth century, she has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, the daughter of the late Mae Hatfield Baker and William Frank Baker, Lila Belle Baker was born in Sumter and graduated from Hillcrest High School in Dalzell; and

Whereas, she attended North Greenville Junior College and completed a bachelor’s degree from the University of South Carolina, and she remains an ardent Gamecock supporter and loves watching her alma mater’s football games; and

Whereas, she married her beloved husband, Harold Knute Delk, on August 26, 1942, and together they reared three fine sons: the late Douglas Baker Delk, Harold Dean Delk, and David Knute Delk, who have blessed them with six adoring grandchildren and six great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, a member of Garden City Baptist Church, she served Field Enterprise Educational Corporation, publishers of World Book Encyclopedia, from which she received numerous sales awards, including the corporation’s highest awards, the President’s Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award; and

Whereas, appointed in October 1950 by then Governor Strom Thurmond as a magistrate for Sumter County, she served her State as the first female magistrate for two years; and

Whereas, she served as a rental agent and landlord for over twenty years at Horizon East condos where she still resides and enjoys the company and friendship of new families and the regular summer occupants; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and join with her family and friends in celebrating this extraordinary milestone with her. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Lila Belle Baker Delk of Horry County for her outstanding service to the citizens of the Palmetto State, congratulate her on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday, and wish her many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Lila Belle Baker Delk.

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