**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WILLIE NATHAN ROBINSON OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Willie Nathan Robinson of Beaufort County will celebrate his centennial birthday on Saturday, February 23, 2013; and

Whereas, born on February 25, 1913, in the early part of the twentieth century, he has been witness to the 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 seventh of thirteen children born to Nathan and Harriett Michael Robinson, he attended school on St. Helena Island; and

Whereas, he moved to Savannah, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; and finally New York to seek employment; and

Whereas, he worked as a longshoreman and cab driver, and for twenty‑five years, he traveled across the United States and Canada as a Pullman porter. He retired as the supervisor of maintenance at Harlem Hospital; and

Whereas, together with his beloved wife, Louise Beckett, he reared a fine daughter, Carolyn, who blessed them with two adoring grandsons, Kevin and Brian, and three great‑grandchildren: Jamaal, Elizabeth, and Miles; and

Whereas, in 1975, he and his wife returned to South Carolina to live in Frogmore and joined Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon; and

Whereas, always an avid checkers player and fisherman, he still visits some of his former checkers friends on a regular basis, and he looks forward to socializing with other friends who are like family at the St. Helena Senior Citizen Center; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his one hundredth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Willie Nathan Robinson of Beaufort County on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Willie Nathan Robinson.

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