**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MARTHENA ARMSTRONG MCCANTS OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Marthena Armstrong McCants of Georgetown County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on March 20, 2013; and

Whereas, born on March 20, 1913, to William and Mary Gamble Armstrong, she was the third of their eleven children and was reared in the Oatland community of Georgetown County. Marthena Armstrong McCants came into this world when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been witness to nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, in 1929, she married Samuel Matthew McCants and moved to Georgetown. The couple raised a fine family of nine children, in addition to two brothers‑in‑law and a nephew who found a home with Samuel and Marthena; and

Whereas, a dedicated mother and grandmother, Mrs. McCants is loved and respected by all who know her; and

Whereas, for the feeding of the soul, this beloved matriarch has been a wise and insightful counselor to many, and for nourishment of the body, her succulent, savory cooking for her family and church and the restaurant where she was employed made delicious memories for those fortunate enough to partake of her culinary creations; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Mrs. McCants became affiliated with Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church when she moved to Georgetown. This ambassador for Christ has exerted her kind, motherly influence on the community where she has resided for several decades; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her 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 Marthena Armstrong McCants of Georgetown County on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Marthena Armstrong McCants.

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