**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE GENEVA ELLIS EVANS OF CHARLESTON 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 Geneva Ellis Evans of Charleston County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on March 5, 2013; and

Whereas, born on March 5, 1913, to Gurly and Hattie Seabrook Ellis, she was the eldest of their seven children. Geneva Ellis Evans 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 March 1929, she married LeRoy Evans, and the couple raised a fine family of eight children, Elenora, LeRoy, Jr., Vernell, Alvin, Marguerite, Astocha, Ruby, and Evelyn. The Village of Mt. Pleasant became their home and today is still home to Geneva Ellis Evans; and

Whereas, a dedicated mother and, whether by personal encounter or by reputation, a molder of character for her eight children, twenty grandchildren, twenty‑five great‑grandchildren, and ten great‑great‑grandchildren, Mrs. Evans is loved and respected by all who know her; and

Whereas, in addition, this beloved matriarch has been a healer of hurt bodies and souls, wise and insightful counselor, teacher of life lessons, and keeper of family history; and

Whereas, to honor Mrs. Evans at this very special time in her life, her family and friends will join with her to celebrate her centennial birthday and the wonderful memories she has created over her long lifetime on Saturday, March 2, 2013; 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 Geneva Ellis Evans of Charleston 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 Geneva Ellis Evans.

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