**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. LURENE STEPHENS BILTON OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER 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 Lurene Stephens Bilton celebrated her ninetieth birthday on March 21, 2013; and

Whereas, born on March 21, 1923, in the first quarter 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 Mattie Joann Traxler Stephens and Barney McKinley Stephens, she was born in Dorchester and lovingly reared in the Zion Community, graduating from Ridgeville High School in 1943; and

Whereas, on June 27, 1943, she married her beloved husband, James Woodrow Bilton, Sr., and together they reared four fine sons: James Woodrow Bilton, Jr.; Allen McKinley Bilton; Jerome Stephens Bilton; and William David Bilton; and

Whereas, their children blessed them with eight loving grandchildren and thirteen great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, for nine years, she owned and operated Tag’s Restaurant in St. George, and she has been a faithful member of St. George United Methodist Church where she has actively participated in her Sunday school class and circle; 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 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 Mrs. Lurene Stephens Bilton of Dorchester County, upon the occasion of her ninetieth birthday, and wish her 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 Mrs. Lurene Stephens Bilton.

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