**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE RUBY ROUNDTREE SPEAKS, FORMERLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY‑EIGHTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Ruby Roundtree Speaks, a native of Greenwood’s Kirksey community, will celebrate her ninety‑eighth birthday on June 12, 2013; and

Whereas, the eldest of Derrick and Lottie Lou Yeldell Roundtree’s eight children, Ruby Roundtree Speaks was born on June 12, 1915, and was married to John H. Speaks for more than seventy years. Mrs. Speaks and her husband parented two sons, Willie and John, who have given their parents the joy of seven grandchildren, thirteen great‑grandchildren, and five great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, this woman of faith has the distinct honor of serving as Mother of the Church at Coronaca’s Mt. Zion Baptist Church and is the well‑beloved matriarch of the Roundtree family. Her admiration for beautiful flowers is still reflected in her yard; and

Whereas, currently residing in Atlanta, Georgia, with her son Mr. Willie Speaks, she frequently visits with her other son, Mr. John H. Speaks, Jr., and family in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her ninety‑eighth 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 Ruby Roundtree Speaks, formerly of South Carolina, on the occasion of her ninety‑eighth birthday and wish her much happiness and a joyous birthday celebration.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Ruby Roundtree Speaks on her ninety‑eighth birthday, June 12, 2013.

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