**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. MARVIN JULIUS GARRIS OF MARION COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Marvin J. Garris will celebrate their seventieth anniversary on April 1, 2014, surrounded by their large and loving family; and

Whereas, in 1944 in the month of April when iris and tulips lift their happy, colorful blooms aloft, Marion Lee Chestnut and Marvin Julius Garris pledged to one another a lifetime of love and sharing as they were joined in holy matrimony in Conway; and

Whereas, Marvin was born on October 22, 1926, in Wadesboro, North Carolina, and Marion was born on July 29, 1928, but they were both raised in Conway where they lived during the early years of their marriage; and

Whereas, in Conway the Garrises were members of Homewood Baptist Church, but the family moved to Marion in 1962, and now they are faithful members of Little Bethel Baptist Church in Mullins; and

Whereas, together the Garrises reared four fine children: the late Grovene G. Martin, Richard M. Garris, James C. Garris, and Sue Beth Ammons. They have blessed their parents with fourteen adoring grandchildren and fourteen great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, self employed all of his life with a logging crew, Mr. Garris worked with Ervin Dargan, CEO of Roundwood Corporation, and Dargan Lumber Company, and he helped to clear such places as Black River Swamp in Clarendon County and Hell Hole Swamp near Jamestown; and

Whereas, no success on earth crowns a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, through the years, Mr. Garris has learned the veracity of the proverb, “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord,” and he now considers one of his greatest achievements as having had the good sense to marry his beloved Marion; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives appreciate the example of love and faithfulness that Marion and Marvin Garris have set for seven decades in their enduring marriage. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Julius Garris of Marion County, on the occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary, and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Julius Garris.

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