**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MATTIE KIZER MIZZELL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY‑FIRST BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Mattie Kizer Mizzell of Dorchester County celebrated her ninety‑first birthday on February 19, 2014; and

Whereas, born on February 19, 1923, in the early part 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 eighth of nine children born to the late Julius Jacob Kizer and Mary Dewitt Kizer, Mattie Kizer was reared in the Rosinville community, and she had nine other siblings from the union of her father with his first wife; and

Whereas, after the death of her parents when she was very young, her oldest sister, Mamie Wimberly, took the responsibility of rearing the younger sisters, so Mattie and the others helped with many chores in the home and on the farm; and

Whereas, in 1941 in the month of January, when camellias lift their bright and cheerful blooms aloft, Mattie and her beloved husband, Woodrow Mizzell, pledged to one another a lifetime of love and sharing; and

Whereas, they farmed together and reared their five fine children: the late Melvin Pinckney Mizzell, the late Julian Henry Mizzell, Marion Woodrow Mizzell, Elaine Mizzell Lantz, and the late Logan Francis Mizzell. They blessed her with eight adoring grandchildren and eleven great‑grandchildren, who enjoy gathering to celebrate her birthday, Christmas, and other special days; and

Whereas, when her children grew older, she worked in sewing rooms in Elloree, Summerville, and St. George; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Indianfield United Methodist Church, Mattie Mizzell actively participates in Sunday school class, women’s circle, and the quilting club. She still enjoys gardening and working in her yard, and she continues to can vegetables and fruit; 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 ninety‑first 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 Mattie Kizer Mizzell of Dorchester County, on the occasion of her ninety‑first birthday, and wish her many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mattie Kizer Mizzell.

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