**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR MATTIE MARTIN, DONNAVIA ETHEL THOMAS, ETTA MAE WASHINGTON WILLIAMS, JESSIE MAE KENNEDY FREEMAN ADKINS, LOIS BOYD, STERLITA CALDWELL, HADIYAH MUWWAKKIL (FORMERLY ELLA LOU WATTS), ORA LEE MCGRAW, AND ESSIE L.H. THOMPSON ON THE OCCASION OF WOMEN CELEBRATING LIFE’S PRE‑MOTHER’S DAY/SISTAS EXTRAVAGANZA IN WINNSBORO AND TO WISH THEM A JOYOUS MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives note with pleasure that Mother’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11, 2014; and

Whereas, in recognition of this occasion, Women Celebrating Life will host a Pre‑Mother’s Day/Sistas Extravaganza in Winnsboro to honor nine exemplary mothers, Mattie Martin, Donnavia Ethel Thomas, Etta Mae Washington Williams, Jessie Mae Kennedy Freeman Adkins, Lois Boyd, Sterlita Caldwell, Hadiyah Muwwakkil (formerly Ella Lou Watts), Ora Lee McGraw, and Essie L.H. Thompson; and

Whereas, it is fitting that all citizens of South Carolina should pause to remember their mothers and express gratitude for the care and love these dear ones continually give their children, and, on the occasion of Mother’s Day 2014, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in adding its good wishes to these outstanding Winnsboro mothers, all worthy of emulation by women who would be a blessing to their children; and

Whereas, those who know and love these ladies testify that they are mothers deserving of the commendation found in Proverbs 31:28a (KJV): “Her children arise up, and call her blessed.” Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Mattie Martin, Donnavia Ethel Thomas, Etta Mae Washington Williams, Jessie Mae Kennedy Freeman Adkins, Lois Boyd, Sterlita Caldwell, Hadiyah Muwwakkil (formerly Ella Lou Watts), Ora Lee McGraw, and Essie L.H. Thompson on the occasion of Women Celebrating Life’s Pre‑Mother’s Day/Sistas Extravaganza in Winnsboro and wish them a joyous Mother’s Day celebration and much health and happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mattie Martin, Donnavia Ethel Thomas, Etta Mae Washington Williams, Jessie Mae Kennedy Freeman Adkins, Lois Boyd, Sterlita Caldwell, Hadiyah Muwwakkil (formerly Ella Lou Watts), Ora Lee McGraw, and Essie L.H. Thompson.

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