**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE QUEEN BERRY BRAILEY OF ORANGEBURG ON THE OCCASION OF HER SEVENTY‑FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Queen Berry Brailey of Orangeburg will celebrate her seventy‑fifth birthday this year; and

Whereas, born in 1939, Queen Berry Brailey was the sixth daughter of Henry and Lucille Berry’s fine family of thirteen children. Ms. Brailey came into this world when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been witness to nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, she began her educational journey in the school system of Fountain Inn, where she graduated from Bryson High School in 1958. At South Carolina State College, she obtained her bachelor’s degree in home economics, followed by a master’s degree in education from the same institution; and

Whereas, in 1961, as a home economics teacher, she began her long and fruitful educational career. In time, she became, successively, an instructor in child development at South Carolina State University, director of South Carolina Head Start Training and Technical Assistance, director of the South Carolina State University Child Development Center, owner/director of Kid’s World Learning Center, interim Head Start director for Berkeley/Charleston/Dorchester, director of the Trinity United Methodist Church Child Care Learning Center in Orangeburg, and, finally, assistant professor of early childhood education for South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, in addition, as a private consultant Ms. Brailey served as a trainer for hundreds of teachers; and

Whereas, she serves her community on the Orangeburg County First Steps Board, the South Carolina Child Abuse Steering Committee, and as director of children’s ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church, where she is also a member; and

Whereas, in recognition of her spirit of excellence and dedicated service to the people of South Carolina, Ms. Brailey has been granted various honors, among them the 1989 Teacher of the Year, Family and Consumer Science, South Carolina State University. In 1974, she was named an Outstanding Young Woman of America; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her seventy‑fifth 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 Queen Berry Brailey of Orangeburg on the occasion of her seventy‑fifth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and much happiness in the days ahead.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Queen Berry Brailey.

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