**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE RUBY IVEY HENDERSON OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Ruby Ivey Henderson of Spartanburg County will celebrate her ninetieth birthday surrounded by family and friends on April 11, 2015; and

Whereas, born on April 11, 1925, 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, reared on a farm in Cornelia, Georgia, Ruby Loretta Ivey commenced a pen‑pal correspondence with Staff Sergeant Robert A. Henderson while he was serving his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1940 to 1945 during World War II; and

Whereas, their letters during that time gained considerable historical significance to their family members over the decades as the writings revealed their ideals of family and home, their hopes and dreams; and

Whereas, although they had never met in person, Ruby and Robert were married on January 30, 1946, shortly after he returned from the war, and they have been devoted to one another for more than sixty‑nine years. Together they reared three fine children: Janet, a nurse; Brenda, a school teacher; and Robert, Jr., retired as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They blessed their parents with six loving grandchildren and seven great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ruby Henderson worked diligently in the home to serve her family as the children grew while her husband worked to support their family; and

Whereas, faith was a cornerstone in their home, and Mrs. Henderson set the example for her children of trusting the Lord and serving Him with devotion as they watched her tireless service in the local churches; 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 ninetieth 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 Ruby Ivey Henderson of Spartanburg County on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ruby Ivey Henderson.

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