**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JESSIE MAE JACKSON SUMTER LEAK OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON CELEBRATING EIGHTY YEARS OF BLESSINGS 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 Jessie Mae Jackson Sumter Leak of Richland County celebrated her eightieth birthday on December 25, 2014, and that her family will honor those eighty years filled with blessings at the Masonic Lodge on Gervais Street in Columbia on May 9, 2015; and

Whereas, born on December 25, 1934, she was a precious Christmas gift for her parents. From that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century, she has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe; and

Whereas, the daughter of Eachmell and Julia James Jackson, Jessie Mae is a native of Hopkins where she still resides, and she completed her early school years in the Richland County public school system; and

Whereas, together with her loving first husband, the late David Sumter, she reared two stepchildren, Annie Sumter and Herman Goodwin, and six children: Janie Adams; David Sumter, Jr.; Julia Reese; Peggy McDaniel; Rosa Wilson; and Eashmell Sumter; and

Whereas, Mrs. Leak was blessed as well with the love of her second husband, the late Eddie Leak, and her children blessed her with fifteen adoring grandchildren and twenty‑two great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, she was a devoted homemaker to her family and has been a faithful and active member of St. Mark Baptist Church in Hopkins for over sixty‑five years; and

Whereas, today, Mrs. Leak still enjoys cooking for her children and hosting large and happy family dinners, as well as singing and making “melody in her heart to the Lord”; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to celebrate this daughter of South Carolina and her eighty years of blessings, 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 Jessie Mae Jackson Sumter Leak of Richland County on celebrating eighty years of blessings and wish her many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Jessie Mae Jackson Sumter Leak.

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