**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE THELMA QUARLES CHRISTOPHER OF GREENWOOD ON THE OCCASION OF HER SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, on September 5, 2015, Thelma Quarles Christopher of Greenwood awakened to a milestone event in her life, her seventieth birthday; and

Whereas, born September 5, 1945, this native of McCormick makes her home in Greenwood in the first house she and Joseph built and remains very active in the community. Thelma is the founder of Little Lamb Montessori Preschool and served as its director for eighteen years. A current co‑owner of Anytime Fitness Health Club, she is also founder and current director of Destiny of Greenwood, a nonprofit organization serving children and families; and

Whereas, Thelma has dedicated more than forty‑five years of her life to working with children and youth as director of Little Lamb, choir director at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, commander with AWANA, Brain Gym instructor, Sunday school teacher, and other positions of service. Her present and past community roles include serving as a board and/or advisory‑council member of childcare associations, banks, churches, and local government agencies; and

Whereas, to prepare for her life’s work, she earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Lander University and certifications from Rhema Bible College and AWANA Commander 101. She is a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as well as a lifetime member of the NAACP; and

Whereas, one of Thelma’s greatest accomplishments is preparing over twenty‑five thousand meals and snacks a year for children in four counties. She has rendered this service since 2004 through the Summer USDA and after‑school snack program offered by Destiny. She is also proud of bringing all the childcare center directors and owners together early in her career at Little Lamb, an action that resulted in the creation of the Greater Greenwood Childcare Association; and

Whereas, in addition, Thelma loves spending time with her family, working out, and traveling (which has taken her to ten countries and counting); and

Whereas, to honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends joined with her to celebrate her seventieth birthday on September 12, 2015, at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives takes great pleasure in honoring this daughter of South Carolina at the celebration of her seventieth birthday, and the members join with her family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this important life 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 Thelma Quarles Christopher of Greenwood on the occasion of her seventieth 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 Thelma Christopher.

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