**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE WILBERT W. BOLIN OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that Wilbert W. Bolin of Orangeburg County will celebrate his centennial birthday on April 15, 2015; and

Whereas, born in Orangeburg County on April 15, 1915, in the early part of the twentieth century, he 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, like many members of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Bolin fought for his nation in World War II, serving in the Army Air Corps as an aircraft mechanic in England; and

Whereas, Mr. Bolin married the former Ora Mae Etheridge, and they became the proud parents of three children, Kenneth O. Bolin, Betty B. Ulmer, and the late Nancy B. Buck. They were blessed with one grandchild, Karen B. McFarlane; and

Whereas, retired from the flooring business, Mr. Bolin, affectionately known to many as “Mr. B”, has lived in his home on Dantzler Street in Orangeburg for more than sixty‑five years; and

Whereas, a devout Christian, Mr. Bolin is a founding member of Crestview Baptist Church, where he presently serves as deacon, and previously has served as chairman of the board of deacons, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School director, training union director, Royal Ambassador leader; and

Whereas, Mr. B enjoys an active lifestyle, regularly exercised at a local fitness and rehabilitation facility well into his nineties, and he continues to enjoy gardening, fishing, and watching his beloved Atlanta Braves; and

Whereas, when asked the secret to his longevity, Mr. B credits his faith in the Lord – and Ivory Soap; and

Whereas, to honor Mr. B at this very special time in his life, he will be the guest of honor at a birthday party to be held at noon on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Crestview Baptist Church, where he also will be honored and recognized in a special service the following day; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his one hundredth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Wilbert W. Bolin of Orangeburg County, upon the occasion of his one hundredth birthday, and wish him 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 Wilbert W. Bolin.

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