**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ANNA NAOMIE MARONE DAVIS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH 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 Anna Davis of Darlington County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on March 25, 2017; and

Whereas, born in 1917 in Charleston County to Arthur and Emma Sundae Marone, she has been witness to the 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, Anna, having moved to Darlington at the age of ten, has been a staple to the community. With her loving husband Johnnie Davis, she opened several restaurants in the area. She continued in the restaurant business after Johnnie passed in 1948 until 1959, when she took the position of nanny for a movie producer and moved to London for three months; and

Whereas, after her time in London was done, she and her aunt moved to the African Evangelical Home in New York City. After spending several years in New York, Anna moved to Richmond to help one of her daughters with her new twins. In 1972, Anna returned to Darlington; and

Whereas, she decided to continue her education and took a class at Florence Darlington Technical College. Then she began working for Marquis Boats in Hartsville and continued there until her retirement at the age of seventy‑two; and

Whereas, a committed member of the Lee Street First Church of God, Anna, through her good works, embodies the Christian principles that she hears sermons on every Sunday. Her time has been dedicated to such charities as The Lord’s Care, which helps families in need by providing food, help paying bills, and medical care to those who cannot afford it, in addition to volunteering at the senior center, where she has helped serve food and attends worship service every Wednesday. Throughout the years, Anna has devoted herself to many different charities in need of her lively spirit; and

Whereas, the matriarch of a large and loving family, Anna was born an only child. Together she and Johnnie had two sons, who were taken to live with the Lord as infants, and four beautiful daughters, Emma Davis Smoot, Lillie Mae Flynn (deceased), Joan Etta Davis Bruce Harris, and Annette Davis Thomas. She had the additional blessing of three cherished stepsons Robert Goodson (deceased), Alphonso Joseph (deceased), and Charles Goodson. Through her children and stepchildren, Anna’s family has grown to over one hundred ten members, boasting countless grandchildren, great‑grandchildren, and great‑great‑grandchildren. Anna has been known to say, “I was an only child, but now I feel like Abraham because I’ve got all these children.” With all the love surrounding her, she has never had to be lonely or without company; and

Whereas, the celebrations for this milestone will commence on March 24, 2017, with a cook out. The coordination of more than one hundred ten family members was an accomplishment in and of itself, but the community soon found out about the celebration and wished to honor “Mu” as well, and so the party grew even larger. The festivities will find completion after church on Sunday, March 26, 2017, with a banquet held in Anna’s honor; 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 one hundredth birthday and join with her many family and friends in congratulating her on reaching this extraordinary anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Anna Naomie Marone Davis of Darlington County on the occasion of her one hundredth 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 presented to Anna Naomie Marone Davis.

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