**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. BERNIE GARRETT SIMPSON, SR., OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTY‑FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Simpson will celebrate their sixty‑fifth wedding anniversary at North Cheraw Baptist Church on June 25, 2017; and

Whereas, Bernie Garrett Simpson was born in Rockingham, North Carolina to William Simpson and Arrita Shaw Simpson. Corrina Joyce Jordan, who would become his cherished wife, was born in the Hunt’s Mill/ Teal’s Mill area of Cheraw to James “Archie” Jordan and Phoebe Allen Grant; and

Whereas, Bernie graduated from Kollock School in Wallace, and Joyce finished at Cheraw High School; and

Whereas, in 1952 on July 3, the month when oleander and hydrangea send their colorful blooms abroad, Bernie Simpson and Joyce Jordan pledged to one another a lifetime of love and sharing as they were joined in holy matrimony at the Chesterfield Court House by Judge Dalrymple; and

Whereas, a longtime little league baseball coach and dirt‑track race car driver in his spare time, Mr. Simpson was self‑employed as a mobile home and auto dealer, and Mrs. Simpson enjoyed the labor and love of being a full‑time homemaker; and

Whereas, together they reared three fine children: Bernie Simpson, Jr., Jimmy Simpson, and Rita Simpson. Their children have blessed them with the love of seven grandchildren: Gabe Simpson, Dameon Simpson, Liza Simpson Streater, Matthew Simpson, Morgan Foreman Humphries, Jessica Foreman Sellers, and Garrett Foreman. They also enjoy the love of twelve great‑grandchildren and one great‑great‑grandchild; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are faithful members of North Cheraw Baptist Church and cherish as their greatest rewards on earth their salvation and the love of their family; and

Whereas, no success on earth crowns a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, Mr. Simpson has learned the veracity of the proverb, “Whoso finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor of the Lord,” and he now considers one of his crowning achievements as having had the good sense to marry his beloved Joyce; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives values the solid foundation that strong families like the Simpsons provide in building the communities within our great State, and the members celebrate with the family and friends of Bernie and Joyce Simpson upon reaching the remarkable milestone of their sixty‑fifth wedding 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 Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Garrett Simpson, Sr., of Chesterfield County on the occasion of their sixty‑fifth wedding anniversary and extend best wishes for many more years of blessing and fulfillment.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Garrett Simpson, Sr.

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