**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MAGGIE SAMUEL HICKS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Maggie Samuel Hicks of Darlington County will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on June 26, 2017; and

Whereas, born the last of eleven children and the second of only two girls to Washington and Margaret Samuel, the young Maggie came into this world in Darlington on June 26, 1917, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been witness to nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, educated in the Darlington County schools, Maggie was employed in Darlington County and is best remembered as the lady working in, and apparently running, Hunter’s Grocery; and

Whereas, in the early 1930s, Maggie wed David Keith Hicks, God blessing their union with a fine family of two children, Annie Mae and David, Jr. After living in other Darlington locations, they built their present home on Juleswood Drive in 1958; and

Whereas, over the years, Maggie raised her children and assisted in raising a granddaughter and great‑grandson. Although David, Sr., and other family members have passed on, she enjoys the blessing of two grandchildren, many great‑grandchildren, great‑great‑grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews; and

Whereas, as a woman of faith, Maggie found her spiritual home at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Darlington, where she is a founding lifelong member. There she worked diligently in several capacities, especially as a choir member for thirty‑five to forty‑plus years, until she was no longer physically able to do so; and

Whereas, Maggie, the matriarch of her family, is highly respected and loved by all who have the privilege of knowing her. To honor her at this very special time in her life, family and friends will join with her to celebrate her centennial birthday on Sunday, June 25, 2017; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundredth birthday, 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 Maggie Samuel Hicks of Darlington County on the occasion of her one hundredth 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 presented to Maggie Samuel Hicks of Darlington County.

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