**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MS. MARTHA A. CORLEY, OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Ms. Martha A. Corley will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on January 18, 2009; and

Whereas, Ms. Corley was born on January 18, 1919, in the early part of the twentieth century, and she has been witness to nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, the daughter of John and Daisy Corley, she grew up in the home in which she was born and in which she has lived all her life; and

Whereas, an educator for thirty‑five years with School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, Ms. Corley served her students during segregation, freedom of choice, and integration. Immediately after retiring from her long and dedicated career in teaching, she began volunteering with Meals on Wheels, at the same time continuing active involvement with Pleasant Spring AME Church, her lifelong spiritual home. At her church, she has served in numerous capacities from steward to trustee, this last position being one she still fills; and

Whereas, in recognition of her ninetieth birthday, Ms. Corley will be honored at a celebratory gathering on January 18, 2009, at Pleasant Spring AME Church in Irmo; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her ninetieth birthday and joins 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 Ms. Martha A. Corley, of Lexington County, on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Ms. Corley.

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