**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. LEONA CRAIG PHILLIPS, OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH 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 Mrs. Leona Craig Phillips will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on January 21, 2009; and

Whereas, Mrs. Phillips was born on January 21, 1909, just a few years after the dawn 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 William and Lelia Craig, she spent her growing-up years in Charlotte, North Carolina, and wed the late Robert Phillips in 1944. Leona and Robert were married forty‑five years and lovingly parented two children, Lamarr Phillips and CoNette Phillips Fidler. Over the years, the couple was also blessed with two grandchildren and two great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, formerly an avid gardener with full vegetable and flower plots, Mrs. Phillips is especially fond of pink roses. She remains a strong Tarheel basketball fan and has a great sense of humor; and

Whereas, in her present hometown of Columbia, Mrs. Phillips is a member of McGregor Presbyterian Church. She loves God, her church, her family and friends, and in turn those who know her call her “the sunshine of their lives”; and

Whereas, in recognition of her one hundredth birthday, Mrs. Phillips’ family and friends will host a celebratory gathering on January 24, 2009, at National Health Care; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her one hundredth 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 Mrs. Leona Craig Phillips, of Lexington County, on the occasion of her one hundredth birthday, and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Phillips.

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