**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MATTIE BELL GRANT, OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Mattie Bell Grant, of Beaufort County, on January 17, 2009, at the venerable age of one hundred one; and

Whereas, Mattie Bell Grant, born in Briar Patch, Bulloch County, Georgia, on September 9, 1907, to Ed and Essie Badger, attended the Stillson public schools and graduated from Tallahassee School of Culinary Art, later working as a cafeteria cook for the Lake Placid, Florida, schools; and

Whereas, as a teenager, the young Mattie dedicated her life to the service of God. Under the leadership of Bishop Solomon Bennett, she and the late Sister Georgianne Priester helped establish Dale New Church of Christ, where she served as mother of the church and helped bring many souls to the Lord; and

Whereas, married to the late Elder W.W. Grant, Sr., the couple shared many years of happiness and contentment, the Lord blessing their union with sixteen children; and

Whereas, Mrs. Grant was preceded in death by sons Albert, Joe, Otis, and Daniel Grant and daughters Mary Chisholm and Eliza Robinson. She leaves sons William, Rufus, Rayfield, David, and Harry Grant and Albert Shuman and daughters Essie Lewis, Helen Delardge, Ruth Grant, and Martha Smalls. She also leaves sixty‑one grandchildren, as well as a host of great‑grandchildren, great‑great‑grandchildren, great‑great‑great‑grandchildren, other relatives, and friends; and

Whereas, her memory will be cherished by all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Mattie Bell Grant, of Beaufort County, and extend the deepest sympathy to her family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. William Grant for the family.

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