**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE DEBORAH LEIGH BRANTLEY OF WRIGHTSVILLE, GEORGIA, ON THE OCCASION OF HER FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY MORE YEARS OF GOOD HEALTH AND MUCH HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Deborah Leigh Brantley will celebrate her fiftieth birthday on February 23, 2009; and

Whereas, Deborah Leigh Brantley, a beautiful, bouncing baby girl, was born to Jim Roe and Faye Brantley in Sandersville, Georgia, on Monday February 23, 1959, at 7:45 A.M., delivered by the esteemed Dr. William Rawlings, Sr.; and

Whereas, Deborah weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 ½ oz. at a height of 21 inches. She had a head of black hair, sparkling blue eyes, and a fair complexion, temporarily sullied by a red mark above her left eye, which quickly cleared, leaving her a radiant beauty; and

Whereas, born in good health with good strong, lanky, limbs, ready to take on the world, which she did at eleven months of age when she began walking and spoke her first words, “bye-bye” and “dog gone, gone”; and

Whereas, at the tender, independent age of three and half Deborah got her first hair perm, which she vehemently disliked, making it, not only her first permanent, but also her last; and

Whereas, Deborah’s religious upbringing began at Oaky Grove Primitive Baptist Church, which she attended with her parents, later joining the church herself; and

Whereas, an early scholar and lifelong learner, Deborah attended kindergarten at Wrightsville when she was five years old, under the tutelage of Mrs. Katherine Powell. Next she attended Wrightsville Elementary School and graduated from Johnson County High School in 1977; and

Whereas, she attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia, for two years. Thereafter, she transferred to the University of Georgia and ultimately graduated from Georgia College in Milledgeville. Continuing preparation for her life’s work, she earned her master’s degree in reading and math at Walton University; and

Whereas, in 1987, she began her teaching career at Sandersville Elementary School that continues to this day. A caring, kind but also challenging fifth grade math teacher, Deborah is dedicated to preparing her young charges for the world ahead; and

Whereas, from a close knit family, Deborah has kept an important part of the family together in that she has renovated, and now lives in, the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to honor Deborah Leigh Brantley on the illustrious occasion of her fiftieth birthday and joins with her family and friends in wishing her “Many happy returns of the day” as she celebrates this special 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 Deborah Leigh Brantley of Wrightsville, Georgia, on the occasion of her fiftieth birthday and wish her a joyous birthday celebration and many more years of good health and much happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Deborah Leigh Brantley.

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