**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE OUR FORMER HOUSE COLLEAGUE EDIE RODGERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER SEVENTY‑FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that their former colleague Edie Rodgers of Beaufort County celebrated her seventy‑fifth birthday on February 4, 2009; and

Whereas, Edie Rodgers was born on February 4, 1934, in the early years 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, a native of Gaffney, the young Edie completed her early schooling in her hometown, later graduating from Bolen’s Business College in Augusta, Georgia; and

Whereas, never one to neglect her civic duty, she has maintained a long‑standing commitment to public service on both the local and state levels. She has held numerous leadership positions in a wide variety of community‑service organizations, such as the Historic Beaufort Foundation, Altar Guild of St. Helena’s Episcopal Church, the Beaufort County Republican Party, Beaufort Chamber Orchestra Guild, Main Street Beaufort, and Friends of Beaufort Museum; and

Whereas, in addition, she served on Beaufort City Council from 1989 to 1993 and in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1997 to 2002, where she was affectionately known as the “steel magnolia” and the “Martha Stewart” of the House. In 2002, deciding not to seek reelection, she retired from the House; and

Whereas, in “retirement,” she enjoys spending time with her three children and three grandchildren, tending her camellias, summering in the mountains, dancing, and sharing her wisdom in well‑loved letters to the editor; and

Whereas, the House is proud to honor this truly lovely lady at the celebration of her seventy‑fifth birthday and joins with her family and many 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 our former House colleague Edie Rodgers of Beaufort County on the occasion of her seventy‑fifth birthday and wish her much happiness in the years to come.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Edie Rodgers.

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