**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. ALICE LAW STEPHENSON OF RIDGELAND 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. Alice Law Stephenson will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on March 15, 2010; and

Whereas, Mrs. Stephenson, the daughter of Mattie Jackson Goodman, was born on March 15, 1910, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, 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 Pineland, the young Alice was baptized at the age of twelve and joined Saint Mary Baptist Church in Tarboro. She completed her education in the Jasper County public schools; and

Whereas, while working in Ridgeland, she met her beloved husband, Ben Law, and they were married in 1931, later establishing their home in Ridgeland. God blessed their union with twelve children, of which nine survived, and her mother’s heart led her to raise four additional children; and

Whereas, these children have blessed her with thirty‑two grandchildren, ninety great‑grandchildren, and fifteen great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, in 1932, Mrs. Stephenson moved her membership from Saint Mary Baptist Church to Lovely Hill Baptist Church in Ridgeland, where she has worshipped for seventy‑eight years and long served as a charity board member. She is the oldest member in the church; and

Whereas, in 1964, her dear Ben passed away, and she learned to drive at the age of sixty‑five. She remarried at the age of seventy‑five, this time finding happiness with Deacon Calvin Stephenson, who passed away at the age of one hundred on February 14, 2006; and

Whereas, committed to the service of her God, she enjoys sewing, baking, and giving to others; and

Whereas, to honor her on her centennial birthday, family and friends will join together in a celebratory event to be held March 20, 2010, at Mount Carmel Baptist Center in Ridgeland; 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 legion of friends and well‑wishers to congratulate 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. Alice Law Stephenson of Ridgeland 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. Alice Law Stephenson.

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