**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. IDA DELOACH FORESTER OF HAMPTON 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. Ida Deloach Forester will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on April 10, 2010; and

Whereas, Mrs. Forester, the daughter of Guss and Hattie Wright Deloach, was born on April 10, 1910, when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she has been witness to many of the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, a native of the Blocker Hill area of Brunson in Hampton County, Ida was the seventh of nine children. She was educated at the Macedonia School in Hampton County, and for her first job she worked as a cook at the school. Ida also worked the farms and many households in the Brunson area, and later she was employed at Allen Elementary School as a cook and then as housekeeper in various homes and at a local business; and

Whereas, at an early age, she was united in holy matrimony to John C. Forester and reared three of her own children, Herman, Willie, and Julia, as well as two nephews and a niece, Elijah, Berness, and Ida Mae; and

Whereas, these children have blessed her with ten grandchildren, seventeen great‑grandchildren, and twenty‑four great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, affectionately called “Momma Ida” by many, Mrs. Forester is a longtime member of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, where she has been active in many church auxiliaries. She is a deaconess and the Mother of the Church. In addition, she has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for sixty‑six years; and

Whereas, to honor her on her centennial birthday, family and friends will join together in a celebratory event to be held April 10, 2010, at Antioch Lodge in Varnville; 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. Ida Deloach Forester of Hampton 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 provided to Mrs. Ida Deloach Forester.

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