**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE MRS. KATIE RICHARD GILLIARD OF COLLETON 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. Katie Richard Gilliard will celebrate her one hundredth birthday on May 22, 2010; and

Whereas, Mrs. Gilliard, the daughter of Samuel and Charlotte Richard, was born on May 22, 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 Green Pond, Katie was educated in the Colleton County public schools; and

Whereas, married to Richmond Gilliard and later to Andrew Kinnerey, both now deceased, she is the mother of three children, Lee Gilliard, Cleveland Gilliard, and Freezie Gilliard‑Jackson, who have given their parents the joy of eleven grandchildren, fifteen great‑grandchildren, and numerous great‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, affectionately called “Mother Gilliard,” Katie Gilliard is a faithful member of St. Mary AME Church, where she has actively served the Lord. Those who know and love her observe her consistent testimony and honor her for the guidance her quiet demeanor and example offer them. In addition to her church activities, she loves to sew and quilt; and

Whereas, to honor her on her centennial birthday, family and friends will join together in a celebratory event to be held Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Hendersonville Elementary School in Walterboro; 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. Katie Richard Gilliard of Colleton 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. Katie Richard Gilliard.

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