**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. ADDISON BOSTAIN, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT TOGETHER.

Whereas, the House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Addison and Mary Ellen Fulmer Bostain reached the benchmark of seventy years of wedded fidelity on February 1, 2011; and

Whereas, no success authenticates a life as does a marriage that endures the test of time and grows stronger with each passing year; and

Whereas, Addison and Mary Ellen Bostain’s commitment to one another over the past seventy years is to be revered and serves as an inspiration to both family and friends; and

Whereas, born May 15, 1923, in Chapin, Mary Ellen played on the Chapin High School girls basketball team when Addison was team coach. The two young people did not start dating, however, until after she graduated, and they eloped on February 1, 1941; and

Whereas, after World War II, they moved to Columbia, where Mary Ellen served her family as a housewife and mother. When the children were older, she worked with Wilbur Smith Company as a keypunch operator; and

Whereas, Addison Bostain, Jr. was born January 19, 1914, and graduated from Chapin High School, followed by graduation at age twenty from the University of South Carolina. During World War II, he served in the Medical Corps as a first lieutenant. He was a teacher/coach and worked for the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, retiring from there in 1970 as supervisor of special services. As owner of St. Andrews Realty Company, he worked in real estate full‑time after his retirement and was a partner in several developments around Lake Murray when the development potential of the lake was just being realized; and

Whereas, after settling in Chapin, Addison, Mary Ellen, and their children became a real part of the community. Addison eventually became an expert on the history of Chapin. He is a member of the Chapin Hall of Fame, which he was instrumental in helping create; and

Whereas, for a time, Addison was the historian of Chapin United Methodist Church, where his family worshipped from the time they moved to the area; and

Whereas, together, Addison and Mary Ellen raised three fine children, daughters Pat Bostain Lewandowski and Barbara Bostain Sweatman and son Ronnie Bostain, who have blessed their parents with four grandchildren, two step‑grandchildren, one great‑grandchild, and three step‑great‑grandchildren; and

Whereas, after the couple retired, they enjoyed travelling, attending University of South Carolina football and basketball games, and playing bridge; and

Whereas, they adhere to strong Christian values and have always supported and taken care of each other, two of the reasons, according to their children, that their marriage has lasted seven decades; and

Whereas, after seventy years of wedded happiness, Addison is grateful to realize he had the uncommon good sense to marry his beloved Mary Ellen, and he has learned the truthfulness of the words, “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord”; and

Whereas, to crown the celebration of their seventy years of marriage, the couple were honored by their children with an anniversary party held at Gasthaus Zur Elli in Prosperity; and

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the House of Representatives expresses its congratulations to these two special South Carolinians on reaching the milestone of their platinum wedding anniversary. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Addison Bostain, Jr., of Lexington County upon the occasion of their seventieth wedding anniversary, and extend best wishes for continued blessing and fulfillment together.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Mr. and Mrs. Addison Bostain, Jr.

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